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To SCHMITT

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Forward mail Port
Stanley via steamer
Ballena sailing
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Schmitt

310 W. 89th Street,
New York City,
November 9, 1922.

Dear Waldo:

To get an accurate figure for the cost of travel in South America is just about impossible, the most that can be done is to give approximate amounts.

Last night I looked over my South American records but could not find anything that would be of any great help in determining present expenses of travel, for several reasons. In the first place most of my travel was in the interior and that along the coast was made on the regular steamship lines which touch at every port that amounts to anything at all, as far as being able to live there is concerned. These steamship lines charge rates which you can get at the Pan American Union, if not let me know and I will get them here. That is, get the rates from port to port.

You will find that it will take considerable planning after you get in South America to catch the steamships so as not to waste time waiting for them. By that I mean, that after you get the schedules of sailings, you will often find that you can get to all the ports you wish to stop at, most quickly, by going beyond a certain port, to the next one, working there, and then catching the next steamer back to the port you skipped. So you can often save time and money by working back and forth along the coast. You can't very well plan this sort of coast itinerary until you get down there, but that is of no importance. We did that sort of thing on the West coast when I was down there and it worked very well.

When you are on the steamers the only expense you have is the passage money, except for moderate tips. In tipping don't spoil them, as they are not used to the large tips we give in the States, but you will find tipping a very necessary evil but a small item. As for sailing vessels between ports, I would not count on them at all except as you find you can work them in after you get down there. You don't need to worry about what the passage on sailing vessels would cost as it will be less than on a steamer, unless you charter the whole boat, when it might be cheap or inordinately expensive depending on how much they think they can make you pay..It will be high if they get you where they know you have to have their boat.

The foregoing covers boat travel along the coast I think. When you stop at the smaller coast towns such as Paita, Pacasmayo, Mollendo, Iquique, Antafogasta, Coquimbo, etc., on the west coast you won't find much in the way of attractive hotels, but you can always get some sort of accomodations, even if in the smallest towns you have to live in a boarding house or pension. In the larger towns there are fair hotels. Even in the ~~larger~~ hotels in the larger cities it seems to me that $7.00 a day ought to cover living expenses. This figure was given me by a travel bureau here and appears about right.

On the East coast I did less steamer travel than on the West coast but the expense will be the same, approximately, while the steamer service is better.

Of course travel is much more expensive than before the war but for all that the figure you mentioned to me, $200 to $300 per month, strikes me as about right and for the sort of work you are going to do, collecting, it is probable that the lower figure will be enough, as you will not be in the big cities much. These figures of course do not include salary. You will find English pounds the universal money, that is the gold pound and not the pound note. It is always advisable to figure on expenses being higher than you estimate.

It is highly important to have a passport and above all to get letters in Washington from the ambassadors and ministers of the South American countries, addressed to the officials of their countries, asking them to give you every help in your important mission. They are invaluable. And ~~aft~~ after you get down there, use them to get letters from the high officials there, for the same purpose; as a letter from an official of and in the country is more valuable than from one in the United States. But don't make a special trip to the capitals of the countries to get them unless real convenient.

You will want to know Spanish, though English will do. But you can learn Spanish on the way down as it is very easy to learn, as it has regular rules for pronunciation.

It seems to me you should be able to do some very valuable work down there and the trip appears to be perfectly feasible. There is just one thing. You had better ask the Pan American Union if there are about as many steamers running along the coasts as there were before the war, as the shipping industry is none too prosperous nowadays.

If there is anything else you wish to know please let me know and I will try to give it prompter attention

Sincerely,

Rudolf Stouch

P.S. Would you stop any time in the ports you touch or is one day enough for your work? Makes no difference, just a matter of interest. R.

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ALL AMERICA CABLES, INCORPORATED,
MEXICAN TELEGRAPH COMPANY,
John L. Merrill,
President.

Apr. 21, — 27.

My dear — used to be —

I've only a minute to devote to you — yes, just a minute! I'm much too busy these days to moon around about a man whose forgotten his family!

You'll pay up for this! If you could hear all the joking I have to stand you'd swear why you'll have to pay up! at Mrs. Wetmore's tea I met the smarty Kellogg woman and lots of others I knew of course and one of them said that I looked so well (I did look extremely well, new clothes did it) and said I didn't look as though I'd been married more than a year. Then someone else said "But she has alright or he husband wouldn't be leaving her as long as this." Then came a grand haw! haw! That was

right in among all those museum women! And then you think you won't have to pay up? Just wait and see!!! That's not the only one Dic had to stand either.

Well. I got another speaker for you Mabel Owens Wilcox and she did wonderfully. Played well too. The kids are home - Easter vacation Beautiful hot weather already. And the roof has sprung two big leaks. Erwin tried to fix them and did, but succeeded in making another while he was up there. He did his best. Aunt Eda is here with Wilma but I dont expect to see her.

Dic been asked to become one of the directors of the Civic Study Club. Ahem! Ma Newton has made five thousand dollars selling real estate.

The boy does very well in school but the tests are due next week so

heaven helps me! I can coach him
in the number works but not in the
other test which means most. That's
the one he fell down on last time.
This is a crazy letter but I don't care.
Just let me get my new clothes
on and put me in my car and I
forget I ever thought "there was no
way out of it!" Now, think that
over a while!

Mrs. Swanson is very ill. Hasn't been
well since her baby came. Some
gland in her throat is causing the
trouble and she's having an operation
to-day. Her heart beats almost twice
as fast as it should and she's so
thin you would never know her.

I must get down to Jahoma now.
A storm is brewing and I must get
home to catch the water upstairs.
See! See!
Now have a real good time there

next two weeks. It will be the
best you ever have.

Very dont carefully

Alma

Apr. 5 ——

My dear Wanderer ——

You are surely doing yourself proud! What on earth is keeping you on the Falkland islands all this time? Is she a blonde? Even Miss Rathbun said, "Well, he certainly isn't behaving very well!" And there must be some mistake about your money too. Harvey says you fund was exhausted with the draft he mailed you. But Bryant says they'd surely let you have the money anyway. If you need money hue I can cable it to you. I've already written some letters to Rio. Such a mixture of dates!

Well, you certainly wont go to Santiago! Bryant says you'd better not dare to.

I paid the full premium on your old

life insurance and wanted to just pay half of the new one, it was so heavy, but it's necessary for you to fill out a blank ordinarily, my power of attorney is no good for that but he said he might make a special dispensation for me, ahem! I'm to know in a few days. If not, I'll pay the full amount. I feel you'll want to make some change in that last policy anyway.

Your Punta Arenas mail came alright but the last Falkland islands mail had been opened down there. Probably by the British.

I was much provoked about that date I had made for you for the 20th of April. They had changed it once already so I got Mrs. Mabel Owens Wilcox the Shakespearian actress who was down in S.A. for three months you know, to fill in for you. I'm to play the piano too.

And I nearly cut the top of one of my fingers off trying to fix the toilet. I can't possibly practice for two weeks. But I fixed the toilet just the same!

Wetmore has gone to Haiti for three months. Mr. Hall died last week. You better hurry home before Stegreger goes too!

She toy is doing very well at school but all the daily work has very little to say now a day. On the result of the semi annual tests. I've had lots of trouble though with boys fighting. He seems to have gotten an inferiority complex and feels he can't lick the other fellow. I've been most desperate at times. It got so bad I had to go to a couple of parents. But as soon as one situation clears up another comes, so I tried him I would not go to any more parents. She big thing worrying him is that if he licks one fellow a whole gang will

get him and he doesn't seem to have in any of his own arguments from mother meets that go up never got into any such troubles. Now about it? We've target him to be entirely too formable at present! Some of the other boys

At a town council had a big meeting on streets, about four hundred people there and the Allegheny street citizens asked me to go up and make a speech. I did it too — and got lots of applause. Don't know as it will help though. They picked the streets that either lead somewhere or show decent development. There to be a new Maryland school at Elm and ethan Allen. Wish I could have sold them this site. They say it's the Prince Georges children that pull down the tone of the present Maryland school so they hope to put them into the new school.

Ervin is anxious to live at the Frat. I dont see how he can afford it. And I dont think Pop approves of it either. There will be no one to keep tab on him and he still needs it. He certainly has a way with him — socially. He gets invited to the houses of the most popular girls in the University. He earned some extra money getting ads for the Cherry Tree. In spite of the fact that he's selfish — without doubt — he's very good to the boy. Bought him a beautiful fishing pole + reel and has taken him fishing time and again. Treats him lots better than a big brother would.

Jim had trouble with my clutch again. (On the car). I took it out to Ed's to ask his advice. He thinks perhaps the car was not properly aligned (is that the way you spell it) after that bump. The

clutch plates were not worn a bit simply broken apart. The bearings were broken right off. I took it to Carl's (had to, as it happened down town) and they just said it shouldn't happen but agreed, (as worked) give no explanation. Ed has taken the old plates to a friend of his who's a mechanic. He said he never gives his clutch any care whatever. My tires are holding out better than his. He's bought two new ones already and has the same mileage that I have.

I'm going to stop. You've been away so long I've about forgotten you anyway. I get mail from Stringham quite regularly — I won't tell you what it is either — So there!

Bon Voyage from
some one you used to know.

A. C. S. S.

Mar. 22 ——

My dear Mr. Schmitt ——————

Little did I dream that
I would be writing here again!
Had'nt heard from you for
so long that the Museum sent a
cable to Punta Arenas yesterday.
I wonder what we will hear in
return. You certainly have a nerve
to say the least! Why don't you
stay the year out and be done!!!!
I had given up the idea of
writing any more altogether and
now I can't find anything to say.
We've had an early Spring &
everything is in bloom and Erwin
is back in his house, thank heaven!
I wish I knew what to say on your
insurance. It must be paid by
April fifth. I'm pretty well except

some nervous symptom such as a twitching eyelid - haven't stopped once in three weeks and I still can't keep warm. The kids are fine. The boys last report was the best he's ever had. Five A's one B and one C. And the C. was in penmanship. Well, he shows up better in a slower class. He had lots of worry over school fights. He won't fight for fear of being licked and I don't know how to handle it. It got so bad I had to get after some of the boys. I hated to do it.

Erwin has a chance to tour to Calif this summer. I guess he'll go. For six weeks. He will miss summer school but expects to take four subjects next year because he did so well this year. He can't really afford to go but it is a wonderful

chance. Five boys, and each pay their share of gas and oil. One of them has a new big car. I think he'd like to live at the beach and probably will when he gets a better job.

We're off for a three months trip on Sunday. The new secretary still awaits appointment. They say Clark is working hard!

I'd loved afford it I'd come up to N.Y. but I can't. Perhaps you'll be getting there during Easter vacation week too. Too bad, but I just can't do it.

I don't know what to do about that date I made for you for April 20th about Norris. I never go to the door any more. He still gets oil but I let the boy take care of it all. He brought both kids a big box of candy last week, (one for each)

but I didn't go near the door.

I wonder <u>when</u> I'll hear that I've started. Well, I <u>won't</u> believe it when I do!

I'll hurry this off. Bought the boy a much needed suit and had to pay fifteen dollars for it. Fifteen year size——!

I wish the big picture natural coloring? They look ready to walk out.

From a pen pal mack

alma

Feb. 23, 1927.

Dear Waedo—

Hey! Why didn't you give me some warning about your life insurance! I have until the fifth of April to pay it. One payment is over a hundred dollars and the other is sixty odd. Heavens! If you are not here by then I'll pay as little as I can on both of them. That's leave the premiums go back into the payment. It will be bad enough at that! And I'm waiting to hear from you about the income tax. I probably won't have any though and will have to go to Bryant for advice. The automobile insurance is due on the 26th too. Poor Mom!

I'm glad Dick wrote to you rather than to the Prat. as it is it moved

he too late anyway. Erwin is quite deliriously happy in this group. Mrs. Barnes has tried to worry me more by saying that you would certainly <u>tan me</u> for allowing the boy to be put in that group. She <u>did</u> want me to back her up and strengthen her case, but nevertheless her boy is doing very poor work now and my boy is <u>not</u>.

I've gotten over my building fever now and I'm looking at houses. The ones I want are sixty thousand and up. What shall I do?

The new secretary hasn't been announced as yet. Even though Wetmore <u>may not</u> get the job now he's certainly being prepared for it. No doubt <u>about it</u>! You never pick up a paper but what he's featured. Try to get here at a time when

Feb. 25, 1927.

Dear Waedo,

I've a mad streak on again to-day so I'll let you share some of my warmth!

Bills! bills! bills! The car insurance was forty dollars! And I had to have new brakes linings and a few other fixings — fourteen dollars! And now at this late date a notice from G. W. V. that you owed them forty dollars pledge money. I paid twenty on it! I hope you get home in time to fix your insurance up. It's so much! I'll manage though. There was a big meeting on street" Monday night. Smoot told me he'd go up. Well, he didn't and Allegheny street is not on the list for even graveling. I'm furious! Let's move!

Let's see - what else am I mad about!

Ewin is flying high all of a sudden. Bought a tuxedo and all the trimmings. You'd better have yours fixed up. Nobody but "has beens" wears full dress. Drew a street cleaner sporting one the other day. He gives me twelve a month Ewin now which he will raise to twenty when he gets his new job.

I guess Miss Rathbun has written you all about Miss Bennett + Bartsch.

This is all. Just had to let it steam!

Good bye

from

Mad mad Marion

Emin is not sound. It's harder to get rid of him than a leech sometimes

I've got some damn practising to do and I must shorten that oed

breaking off an evening dress for a ~~mother~~ Club dump.

The weathers mixed and nothing are singing.

I've got to write Pinter

Heidi probably want to go more and entertain more young friends, ~~and~~ [illegible]

very platonically

Love

Home.

I'm getting terribly thoughtful in addition. I guess you're to blame for that!

I often remind myself of Santa Olga.

Honestly!

Feb. 3 ——

Dear Waeds ——

Now for a good long letter with plenty of troubles as usual.

One of the worst is — Don't use the car! The road is impassable. It will probably remain so too. I used it until one night when I was stuck — hard and fast — and Ewin spent two hours digging me out. In spite of chains too. And it's impossible for me to put the chains off and on they work too hard and leaving them on means them out even just going back and forth to school so there's nothing left to do but stay home. Swear, swear, swear!

After all my good news about the boy and school things have happened again. My! how they do worry parents nowadays. Trying to make problems

of normal healthy children. He
didn't do so well in the last mental
tests and in spite of his good daily
work they began to complain. Now
mind you — I had visited his teacher
on a Monday when she told me
how well he was doing — and then
on Wednesday she sent for me and
complained about him. She had to
admit how foolish it seemed but
apparently they have great pressure
put upon them and Jessie LaSalle
does the promoting. They didn't dare
to keep him back so promoted him
to 5A but in a slower class.
His 2nd class will make another
skip in June. Now there are two
sides to it and I spent many sleep-
less nights worrying over what to do.
The same thing happend to John
Barrows only Mrs. Barrows immediately
went to Jessie LaSalle and had John
tested personally and they sent him in

the fact grows again. She advised me to do the same and said that Waedo had no business in that slow group, but though the temptation was great I thought to honor that she is in ill favor over at the school because of it and I truly don't think the boy is ready for another skip right away. The saddest part for him is that he missed his age associations and is in a less desirable group of children. Some boys fifteen years old! There are three others of his age and class with him. Nine years old and in the fifth grade is good enough, lots better than any of us ever did. That's the one place Mrs. Barrows can't use good sense and that's over her children. Mrs. Bloss is his teacher. Well, that's over!

Sister goes to school all day now. And I think she is being prepared for a skip too. I do wish they'll stop that business. If they hurry her

through now she'll probably have trouble with her arithmetic later on. I had hoped to bring them both home to lunch but since the car is laid up I can't do it.

Now as to the big boy, his being invited to frat smokers again and heard that his name is to be put up tomorrow night. One of the boys toed him that he not get them in yet because he not getting in to things enough. He should join everything and take part in the college life. I see where you'll have to train your own boy before he'll even get in. Talk about silly women's clubs! This boy even instructed Erwin how to wear his hair etc.

He passed the last civil service exam. and is fourth on the list. I hope he gets an appointment soon. He's gotten a ten dollar raise in this office.

He made me awfully mad by writing to Dick and complaining about not

having gotten into the fruit. Dick answered that he had no use for any fruits but since Ervin wanted so badly to get in he'd do something about it. I hope he hasn't, because I told Ervin he ought to be ashamed if he had to get in through such circumstances. It just such things that worry me to death. and that's only one of them. I could write for days about other equally distressing affairs.

Now for something a little nicer! Stringham came to call one evening. Ervin was out — ahem!

Then he came again — another evening — Ervin was out again! ahem! We listened to wonderful music over the radio etc.

I hope you'll finally agree as to your wife's intuition. John is proving himself a crook! Thank heavens we have no business with him any

more. She Rutledges nearly lost their house and wowed have it Mr. Lewton had'nt warned them one day in advance. Sohn is so in debt and so behind in all his payments that he can't last. and he doesn't let people know (as he did to me) and Rutledges house wowed have been advertised for sale the following day without their ~~knowledge~~ knowledge.

You must have that Bank stock somewhere! I enquired at the bank and they said you have it. Did you get that bank draft sent to B. A? I guess you've gotten Bryant's letter telling of Wetmores luck. Darn him! Walt gave a big art exhibit in N.Y. and now goes to Chicago with it. It made a big hit. I can't send for the clippings because the Austins were up here last night (it was so warm we had ginger ale) and Minnie borrowed them

to show her instructor. & he studies at Concoran you know.

Just so you know about it before landing in N. Y.

I expected a letter from you to-day — but not much!

Hope I'm sending this to the right palace.

I dont like to have sister away all day, I miss her.

When I write to Rio Riel send me one of the consul unless you give me orders otherwise.

From mad mad mamma

Alma.

because I can't have my buggy ride!

There was a nice half column in the Star & Post about your trip.

(9) Jan 21/27

Dear Slum, A last minute hurry-
gram! (Guess all mine look like
hurry grams) Tryon) Am getting
chilled (in child manner) every day.
Am beginning to think I need some undies
wear believe what I've got in B.V.D's
and the real pearly stuff. Yes I have
it in my drawer at home but am im-
mediately not there. Am necessary
all buy a few pieces in Quebec tomorrow
if there in time.

Are you real well
again girl, do nice if you need me
I can get home just that much sooner
than if you maple. Girl, girl, oh!
girl of mine what have I done to you
to get through alone. Just a little
while longer and I'll be I'll be home
forever and ever more. Give the kids a
good hug for me and let them give
you a couple for me. All bet I look

a part of you loves the next time I get hold of you I could do you right up I had half the chance And you know how I like to make you squirm in cold weather, I just feel tingle when I see you & just you can forgive the dreadful things I've said much as I wonder if we'll be the happiest mortals alive. But often you never know me, but however you mind my words will make up for all your lack of words and more So there!

Just lots and lots and lots of love and kisses to you girl and the kid and all there of the bunch. I know you never read all these lots and lots and lots of, but I mean them just the same and all the more. Just don't you get discouraged reading them that you often miss the little kisses underlined between the lines. Like I can't

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And tell all our here
Mutual friends to be
and there I be
remembered to them

Dear Slummy!! And how are you yes
I mean YOU! and no one else.
Gosh girl of mine, you must be well
I know how or any other way. How you
had to go to the dr. th again? he must
find a good one for a good thought me
ther. I get fretful + mixed sometimes but
then I always have to think of what were
always said — he couldn't kill you
with hop — But the old saying is still
in force and there you feeling good as
gold and then some.

And the winter
has it been hard on you? I read your
a line or weather report, but from the little
I have heard you've had your share of nasty
cold weather. We are now getting older
nights nights along on our way south. Yes
I sleep under double blankets + a
spread now. The days are getting so

that room will be reading over soon, in fact evenings are too cool to be comfortable on deck.

It breaks my heart to think of two more weeks & it will be before I get your next letter. Yes I am crazy to hear how you are & good health & hope you haven't gotten another gall bladder or stone to have a break. I was wondering if while there the time would be a good opportunity for Seb to have it out. Get a letter from Hitch, & thought I would send you his letter. I did & want you to full in Emma's hands. He asks if Arthur is making help & he would like Frank in the boys to help. I advised against it pending my return. It seems trooping of Virginia is worse than he little. I think everything will come around in good shape at the right time. Financially Emma is in no great rush, & all they get in this country might be even better, after how more acquainted around the country.

Dear Sherry, Sr every page seems to start on I get a chance to scuttle them off. Things are so awkward in my relations with all my funk & rush an awful lot of time putting things to gether to hunt - & back again. Shea likes Valeria & don't even have a chat & the usual bench is now a hunk. He's little room means for her is selling as I think I mentioned before. My roommates are considerate enough but I need more room, even though I now use about half the available space for my belongings. Then I try to get over the fact that line & line when the others probably will not be - the room. When next you write tell me just what else about yourself, yer girl yourself. You never put enough personal stuff in yer girl din't you get any? If you write much or little. Dear Sam

complain again when I ought to be
congratulating myself on the lucky devil
am to have you. It is still the greatest
thing in the world girl, and oh! for a
chance to be home once again. Oh! if I
could be near where you are girl? Oh! darling
You must get tired of me & always
to plan out ahead & then never keep up
with the schedule. However seem well
be in Buenos Aires Tomorrow, in the late
afternoon. And after that, a six days
day run, landing us in Sandy Hook
somewhere around the end of the month.
The darned controller like I rushed
off to witness protest in a more
than usual & mysterious manner to the
d[illegible] yesterday. Yesterday I got
to get over to the Falklands. Where
in our telegram you & your wife
shall return. I But I do want to
get home when I said I would the
first of April & then about the 4th
I'm round for much like an April
Fool joke be cause & mis intended

Snake. Ch anxious to hear how you filled
up the big Christmas just like last year
an cudn't halt & Vera & Brand get down the
year. Ed Parker did he turn up / if not
D pray him a visit. Wonder how the jon
old sinner is making out with his girl?
Do you ever get to hear a little bird
about Primo folk and how he is near
yourself. I feel it's teen ages since I
heard from you & wish you'd write, the end
of November Ed here is in absolute
wretchedness of January Must ask after the
birds and must shall I say to you always
do with emphasis — your birds — don't
need to ask surely the are getting on
hope please girl don's fingers Dan much
you crack. Pelted the boy in the park, do
give Rina a little rest and then creep
gradually up he needs it. Only
sister. Dan the hand to mine and make?
Oh! if I could see the three of you

and maybe hold you small in my arms if
just for a few seconds. Oh! girl of mine
I love you and I love you more
than a million and then some, love
and love and love

And girl when I see
the paper boy I'll
all in my ~~ear~~ when next I see you. Oh
to watch the off the accompaniment
grand opera! because there a hush in the
corner of the room room the
phonograph and the room room is the
only place I have to smile.

Goodbye girl till Bunker comes
for Prince tomorrow the last chance I
just mail a line. Bolden a little
while longer girl just a couple of months
Carlyn and I'll be there. Oh. girl girl
of mine love love love and love
Dear love, I am here before, oh!
girl of mine

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~~Dec.~~ Jan. 18/27

Dear Stummy! I'm a duckess of a thought but here we are headed South again and I want to head north. My mother will give you such miserable news as there is.

I'm just about fed up on the trip and ready to quit and time now. I am really at loss for words, I'd like to write you a few sweet nothings but ever since you wrote me that sometimes the letters are delayed and even opened in Baltimore one place after I have had the heart to pour much of my what would you call it, "soul"? in even the personal notes I've tried sealing them in ~~personal~~ special little envelopes marked personal. How did that ever work up at all.

I'm about heart broken that I missed the letter which you say was about that Grace Steamer that got in the day that one left Valparaiso, I suppose number will

be three weeks more before I receive it. I shall try to make the Falklands or the earlier opportunity to have them over with finishing up at Punta Arenas as soon as I get back.

Bye for oh! girl of mine how I long to be where you are. If only had you alone, we could and talk, try'n I know I'd feel better not to write.

Dora Emma school still going good. Of course he studies are the apple that her messenger jobs are good fr. Thanks Sierra used to dr with him during the day but then he had a lot of math etc he contend with and we carried learning cards and more times than they allow now-a-days.

And the birds how I would to reach over and hug my hands on them. I often think of them they teem pretty right along. And what do they look like now the same ever and do they still remember their ol' daddy. Here's hoping. And do you still remember Kathy?

Jan. 19—

Dear Waedo

I guess this will be my last Punta Arenas letter. Yours Juan Fernandez letter of Dec. 14th came to-day. But it didn't leave Valparaiso until Dec. 29th. The Scarlet fever epidemic became so bad in Sisters room that I kept her home for a week. There hasn't been a new case for ten days so I hope it's over.

Mrs. C.B. Smith has invited me to a big luncheon again. I must have a house where I can entertain! I'm rather suspicious that I'm being invited for my piano playing. That's the tragedy of having an accomplishment.

I've promised the family apple pie for supper and the Mother's club meets to-night. Most of that exclusive bunch have resigned.

Perhaps we ought to put the entrance on the south side and have the fireplace where the door now stands.

Good bye — you'd better bring and alive something.

Love from Del — alma.

The Watmores are certainly being pushed into everything. He is now president of the Nat. Acad. and Mrs. Watmore is featured by the twentieth century Club etc. She is now in my books Club too.

The Kinsmans (of the Mothers Club) are leaving for California next week permanently. Lucky devils! I'm sorry to see her go, I like her.

Our bank is not declaring any dividends on the stock this year. Looks like a bad investment. A building asso. would have been better. Are your plans all ready for the new house? Shall I engage a carpenter and bricklayer and stone mason and plumber and steam fitter?

I'm still on very good terms with Aunt Alice so you need'nt worry about that and she's sick now so I'm having some peace for the time being. She has gall trouble too but she's lucky enough to be able to get ill and stay there. Maybe I caught it from her!

on you last years trips you know.

Grandma Eschle is sick with pleurisy. She has good chance for recovery though. I'm lots better but still can't keeps warm. Doctor says it's a lowered (what do you call it) and I'm supposed to sit by the stove all day. Fine chance! I'm alright though. Even getting fat legs again. They had gotten so nice and slim.

The kids are fine —

If you dont rebuild this summer I might change my mind about staying here! So there! very wantingly alone.

Jan. 11, 1927.

My dear young man ——

Your office was shocked to say the least when I told them not to expect you before April! Mr. Shoemaker nearly fainted away!

I've gotten a mania for re-building. Hurry up and give me you opinion. Can we get a loan and how much? Hurry up and tell me! Now,

I want a fireplace, a real stairway going upstairs, three bedrooms, a den off the living room, and I don't know what to do with the bathroom. That with the old stairway removed would make a good den and then of course a furnace. Come along ole top. I've got the gimmies and I'm going to keep them too. There's a new song out called "My girl has eye trouble, eye want this + eye want that — that's me!

Have you seen the Geographic for January? Mr. Longley has an article on Saltings and mentions you.

It's very cold to-day. Ice on all the windows. I'm afraid to try to start the car. I pour boiling water over the carburator now but the battery is so slow in this weather.

I had to tell Mrs. Landt that you can't speak to her association in March so she has set the twentieth of April. Will that be alright? You can talk

Rudolf says Vera is getting worse and worse. She's a walking skeleton. And Othmik La Salle knows what's wrong but won't say boo about it.

The building agent sent me the deed to the place with the cancelled note for $330.00. I've also gotten tax blanks which must be returned by March 15th. Do I have to fill it out? Income tax.

Now I know why Banons didn't go to the reception. They failed to receive an invitation. It must have been a mistake but you know how sensitive he

Jan. 5, 1927.

Dear Waldo,

Your telegram arrived so I'm writing this one and only letter to Punta Arenas. So far as I know at this time anyway.

Sister is reading aloud to me while I'm writing so if you find some such words as red then you'll know what happened. She reads very nicely. The boy is doing good work too. I expected all sorts of trouble with long division

but I haven't had to help him once. He's certainly getting along better since his operation.

Ervin received an appointment to the Bureau of Standards for a $900 job but his chief expects to fix him up in his present office where he seems to be doing well so far. He shd hear from the last examination. Sometimes I think I've bitten off more than I can chew in regards to him. Not entirely his fault either, I'm not just equal to it now.

I shellaced my floors last night. They've never been so bare. If I'm destined to stay here do you think we can rebuild this summer? She can will be paid for also the other two obligations amounting to twenty five a month. How big a loan would we need? Why can't we rebuild the whole house at once? I want the living room fixed up too. So! there! Or do that side first! If the bedrooms were put on the south side they'd be lots pleasanter.

is so Mrs. Barnes said he just sat home and suffered. Edi's baby is walking now. He's an ugly little mutt but very sweet and gentle. Joy invited us over to supper during Xmas week.

The weather's quite moderate at present but we'll have to get the third ton of coal soon. I need a plumber and an electrician. We'll try to wait till you get home though. The toilet is cranky and I won't let Emin touch it because he always makes things worse.

You mother was mistaken about
Knud Rasmussen. It was Bartlett
who spoke highly of you to Rudolf.
The scarlet fever has spread through
Sabsona with several cases in each
of the children's rooms. I'm praying
that we escape. The kids have been
absolutely free of colds..
Last Sunday morning we took
Miss Rattlum out to visit the new
animals at the Zoo.
Enough for this time
The little red Hen has finished her
work and so have I

most sincerely

Alma

yet whether I have the book itself or not, but I'm not worried about it anyway.

I wish I owed save more money, but I can't seem to, and goodness knows I don't spend any unnecessarily.

The kids are still alive at present and the boy does nothing but talk of when he gets a room of his own so something is going to happen mighty fast. Ed has fixed Ma a wonderful room — cupboards for collections — desk — and all and the boy is quite jealous — and so am I!

Dec. 27, 1926.

Dear Waldo,

The mad Xmas rush is about over but Erwin is having a week's leave so with the three kids in this one room — rainy weather out — it's anything but fun for me.

We were at your mothers for Xmas as usual. Rudolf was down, and we spent the next evening at Ed's.

I'm beginning to believe that my suspicions of Mr. Lohr are

quite correct. I received a circ. note
from the Kalsoma Park bank saying that
since I had failed to make payment on
that lot for the past six months they
would have to take legal action against
me as Mrs. Rohr used that note to borrow
money from them. I rushed down
with my receipts and Ben Davis was
most sympathetic but said that Rohr
had not turned the money in and that
I must pay at the bank direct in the
future.

We called at Barrows this afternoon.
The place is beautiful. The living
room is simply a dream. You'd never
know it for the same house.
I sent the bank draft about two weeks
ago.

I still have trouble with my stomach —
don't sleep well either.
You needn't worry about my book
club paper. I'm perfectly capable
of doing it! It's Forbes Robertsons
"A Player under three Kings". I don't know

you needn't worry about the boy having the starch taken out of him because of that beating he got — he's had it in for Buddy Conners ever since and had another fight with him — and this time there was no score to help Buddy out but his mother happened by and gave the boy a terrible cursing. Called him the worst kind of names! You might consider that's all good for him but I don't! I haven't looked at her since. So have

to worry one's life away over that sort of people!

The garage leaks! Not badly though.

Did you ever get the letter mentioning the radio we have?

Ervin has gotten an appointment for a 900 dollar job at the Bureau of Standards. Don't know what to do about it. It's so far from school etc. and he's still waiting on the results of his latest examination which carries a salary of about 1140. But I should worry. I've done enough worrying over him already.

This is enough —

from a poor dumb bell

Alma Stumm

Dec. 16—

Dear Waldo—

Well, how goes
another letter!
Yon Valparaiso mail
came to-day with the
same old complaint—
no mail! I swear it's
no fault of mine! You're
just not getting the letters.
I'm just so anxious to
get an answer to some
of these letters! I wish I
had kept count of them
but I didn't.

I can't send a money order to the Argentine so I'm sending a bank draft. I'm worried over it though because if you are going so far away you might not be in B.A. when this arrives and perhaps they'll send it back.

I heard yesterday that a patent had been granted to some one who is making imitation silk out of

lobster and crab shells.
Have you heard of it?
It is said to be successful. It ought to boost your trade.

Weive had heavy weather.
Snow and ice and
allegheny street is impossable.
I was stuck on the hill
to-day and had to send
for chains. The garage
man said that all my
tire trouble is due to
the terrible nuts at the
bottom of the hill. I dont

know what to do about
it. after all my recent
troubles I don't want to
talk to major Fischer again.
and besides, so long as
they still fool with those
ugly horses in the
bottom there's no use
fixing the road. They
always tear it up again.
Now this time I'm not
mistaken! That nasty
old man Norris did try
to get funny with me!
She dirty old toad!!
He's probably the kind

haired man at your
dream! He's in the hospital
now — I hope he never
gets out. No, I don't
put him there. However,
you needn't ever let him
feel that you know it —
I can take care of myself
beautifully — as you
know.

Sister says you owe
her twenty five dollars.
She got all A's on her
report card. The boy
did not!

Quinn is standing around

on are ear waiting for
me to help him wrap
Xmas presents. He can't
do things like that at
all. Until my next,
goodbye

A. E. S.

Dec. 13, 1926.

Dear Waldo,

I'm expecting
mail from you tomorrow
but I know I wont have
time to write so I'll do
it now. I'll send the
money order on the 16th.
I don't know whether it
will make the same
steamer as this or not.
Your package came
at last. The caricature
is splendid. The Barrows

were over that evening
paying a sick call on
me and they thought it
very fine. They did not
attend the carnegie
reception this year for
the first time, and she
toed me in the same
breath that the Wetmores
dined at the White House
last week. I sort of felt
that something was not
just right. I can't say
what but she was very
non committal about the

Carnegie reception.
I'm feeling lots better.
The whole neighborhood
behind us is full of
scarlet fever. The whole
Shipsley family including
friends have been taken
to a hospital.
And Allegheny street is
so muddy I'm afraid to
take the car out. It's
terrible!
Well, Erwin is in his
new office. With a Sabona
crowd - Dr. Kephardt +

Dr. Peters and an
irish catholic over him
named Rooney. He has
to start his probation
all over again.
In the examination he
took last month —
three hundred and fifty
took it and he stands
eighth on the list.
and in his last botany
test he stood highest
in the class — 97% I believe.
But what's the good of it
all if he can't get along
with people.

His teeth are troubling him and he's going to a clinic at the department.

After waiting almost a year I wrote to my Dad and he answered very gratefully and agreed to her. I'm awfully afraid they'll take a notion to visit.

Want some more shocking news? It's a wonder I'm alive to tell it.

The boy was run down by a auto while sledding.

How he escaped death is a miracle. The sled was splintered! It was his own fault, it happend in front of Kendricks. His one whole side is badly bruised but that's all. The Lord certainly has it in for me this year! He's a gentleman nevertheless, he got up and apologized to the motorist!

Rudolf wrote you mother that he met Knud Rasmussen (there making a fuss over him now) and he said that

you know more than any of these other Wash. scientists. Dont you feel big?

Paul Bartsch gave a big birthday party for Dr. Holmes. I guess every one was there but the Schmitts.

Why don't you tell me all about Rudolf's girl? I too afraid I'll hear jealous I guess. He's some cradle snatcher alright! He spends every weekend at her home.

I'll stop for tonight.
I still have most of the
Xmas shopping to do.
It won't be much this
year.

Yours sleepily

Alma

Dec. 7, 1926.

Dear Waldo,

I wonder whether you received my last Valparaiso letter. I know I sent it off pretty late. It explained the nature of my illness, and I'm certainly lots better though it will probably be a long time before I'm perfectly well. It ever! The doctors orders are to do as little as

possible and to sit
next to the stove all
day. And not to worry!
Some order!
We've had bitter cold
weather already with snow
and yesterday morning
I couldn't start the car.
It was a shock to me
because I'm very careful
about having the battery
tested and had been
down to have it done
one week ago. In spite
of doctors orders I had
to trot to school with

sister. I cowed have kept her home but I had promised to bring the boy home for a hot lunch so he had no lunch with him. Well, the batter man is coming up to-day & fix me up. He said it was no fault of mine. The sudden extreme cold does that at times in spite of all precautions. I guess I ought to get chains. It's very slippery out.

You failed to put the

calling card in your
last letter so I went to
address and said to make
them like you last one.
I hope they are right.
I feel a bit dubious about
that Waedo Schmidt, Ph.D.
I will send the fifty dollars
on the 15th or rather the
16th. I hope that's in time.
If it shouldn't be, a
cable will get it off.
If you must have it before
I can send it, so in a
pinch you can cable for it
and I'll send it the same way.

though the 16th is only a
weeks aft anyway.
Those packages you sent
via diplomatic are very
slow coming. The letter
arrived ten days ago.
I can't help worrying
about Emin. I should'nt
worry you over it but I
have no one to help
me. He knows his faults
only too well but he can't
seem to control them.
His trouble with Miss
Lyon has ended with
Lyon being transfered to

another office, in the
same department however.
(With a Dr. Peters, who
at this clover D'Arliene.
Well, it's his own fault.
All his men associates
told him how sorry they
are but Miss Lyons seems
to rule the office. Of
course he's pretty thick
with Mrs. Clark and Miss
Lyons & Mrs. Clark are
not friendly. He said he
knows he's quick tempered
and over sensitive and
thinks he tried to make
up for whatever happened

but to no avail.
He is taking another civil service tomorrow.
Do you remember the
Fred Berthongs? Well,
I was just made
treasurer of the National
Geographic Soc. a few
months ago and died
last week after an operation
at Mayo Bros. Leaves his
wife and three small boys.
Ervin does well in school
and wants not having
taken for subjects.
I know I worry over him
too much. He probably

partly responsible for my condition. Though its not fair to blame him for it either.

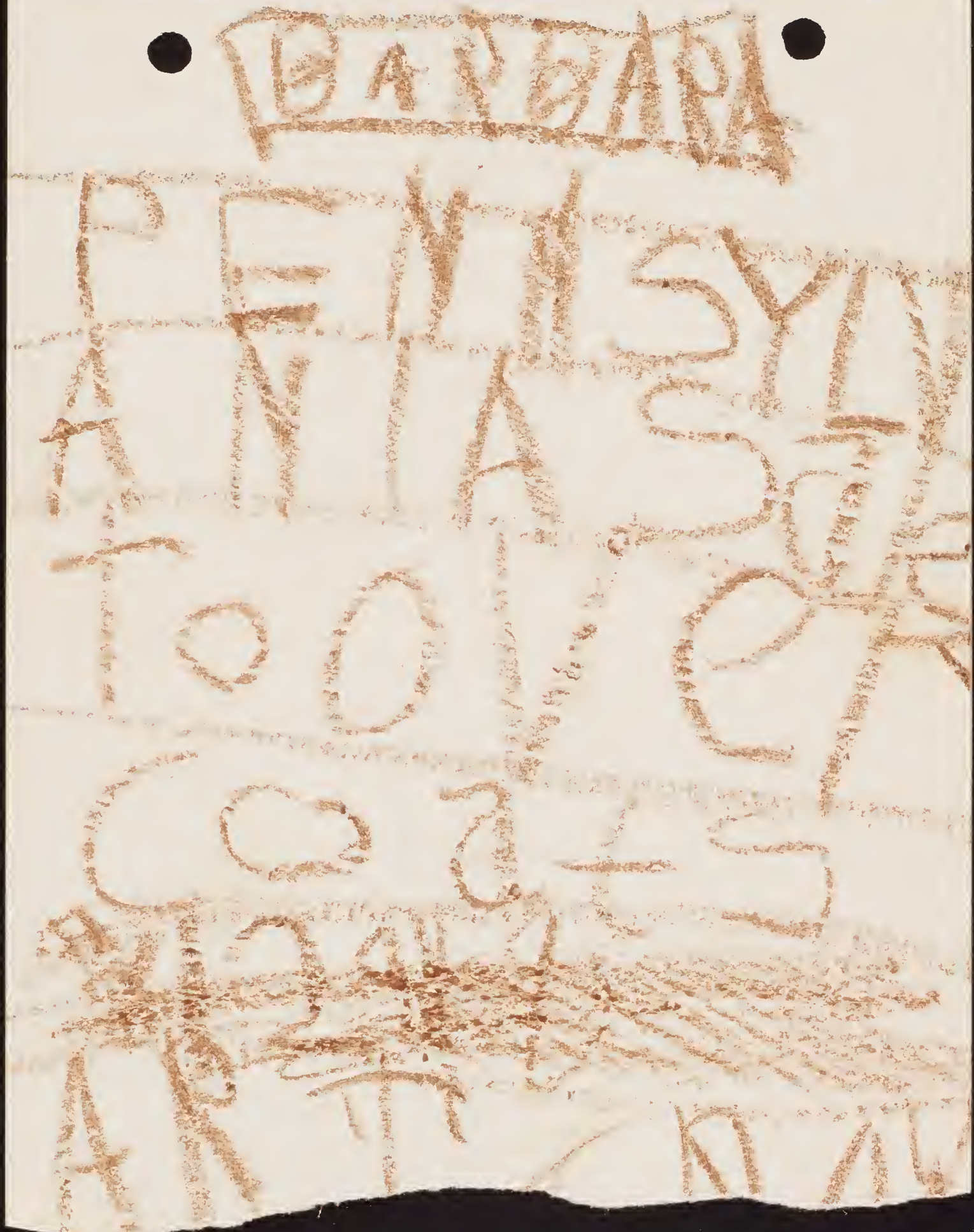
I wonder if you will have this at Xmas time. I think Thelma is writing a Xmas letter to you. I haven't done any shopping yet. If you have such trouble getting parcel post packages I'd probably never get their Xmas box. It was sent to Valparaiso.

I can't think of any more to write about.

He's having an awful time getting the battery out of the car. Probably got wedged in at the time of the bump. This is all for this time. Many Xmas many yon greasy faced senoritas. You ought to see yon pale proud beauty here! I look fierce.

convalescently

Alma



FLORIDA
CALIFORNIA
OREGON
WASHINGTON
MAINE

Nov. 30 -

Dear Waldo

I hesitate writing you my troubles this time but since I seem on the road to recovery I guess it's alright. Yes, I've been very very sick!

All this depression I've suffered from the past few months was a forerunner and about

ten days ago I felt a
terrible pain about the
region of the stomach
which kept growing worse
and with no relief, day
or night.
I went to Stearns and
he sent me home with
pills as usual but it
kept growing worse until
I had to stay in bed.
Of course I feared the
worst and passed
through some heavy

hours. I was alone all the time and finally could stand it no longer and insisted that Steams make a thorough examination. Well, he poked around a bit and complained that I'd grown too thin to suit him and carried on terribly when I told him I was trying to practice three hours a day (aunt alice's latest demand) besides everything else and said I must stop everything

at once. I'd said you
owed have your choice
of a dead pianist or
a living wife. I told him
I was worried enough
over a step mother for
my children and he
said, "that's not your
worry. your old man will
attend to that!" But after
an examination he
assured me that
there was nothing there
and no need for worry.
But the pain continued

and the following day
(a Sunday) I sent Emin
and the kids down to
your mothers while I
staid in bed all day.
and just when the pain
seemed unbearable I'd
swear that something
must inside of me, and
I had immediate relief.
I turned quite yellow
by next morning and
as the doctor had the
Grippe he said to have
Emin bring me down there

so I went and he
decided that it was gall
stones. I'm not so sure
though because gall stone
attacks only last a
few hours and I suffered
over a week. Of course I'm
very sore inside but oh!
so relieved! It's bad to
be sick, but to be so
sick and alone and the
terrible fear I had, gave
me the beatest week
I've ever lived through.
I cooked Thanksgiving
dinner for the lunch

that did not partake of it. I was all prepared to be carted off. I had planned to telegraph Grandma Eschle. But thank heavens it seems to be all over. I look terrible but I guess I'll soon pick up. Steam does not want me to diet. But I'm doing it to a reasonable degree nevertheless.

There's no need for you to worry about things. I wouldn't have written

this if everything wasn't
alright again. All I
have to do is take things
easy a bit and stop
worrying. It doesn't
take much to upset me
these days so don't make
any changes in your
plans.
And don't forget that
lecture you must give
to the 16th knights women's
club as soon as you
return!

I wish Erwin had gotten
in the boat. Then he

wouldn't be around here so much. He's a good boy and very good to the kids, (the boy really gets a tremendous amount of information out of him) but he's so awkward and careless and breaks everything he tries to fix. I hope he can go out into the little house when you get back. It will be very embarrassing for me otherwise.

The kids are in fine trim now. The boy

he suit had his nasal
trouble at all.
I delivered a very fine
paper before the book
club, I'll admit it was
really good, though I
burned the midnight oil
over it too.
Emmi does well in
school - made the third
highest mark in the
first Botany test but
he never studies, at
least not that I can
see.
Dick has made a

change. I'm now the
head of a big organization
I've forgotten the name
but it was featured in
the L. A. papers of which
we have a copy. I increase
in salary too. But Pop
couldn't get the two hundred
dollars out of him!

Emm has taken a
shine to Phyllis's young-
est sister and is taking
her to a dance on Friday.
Another problem for
me. They dance between
ten and one and then

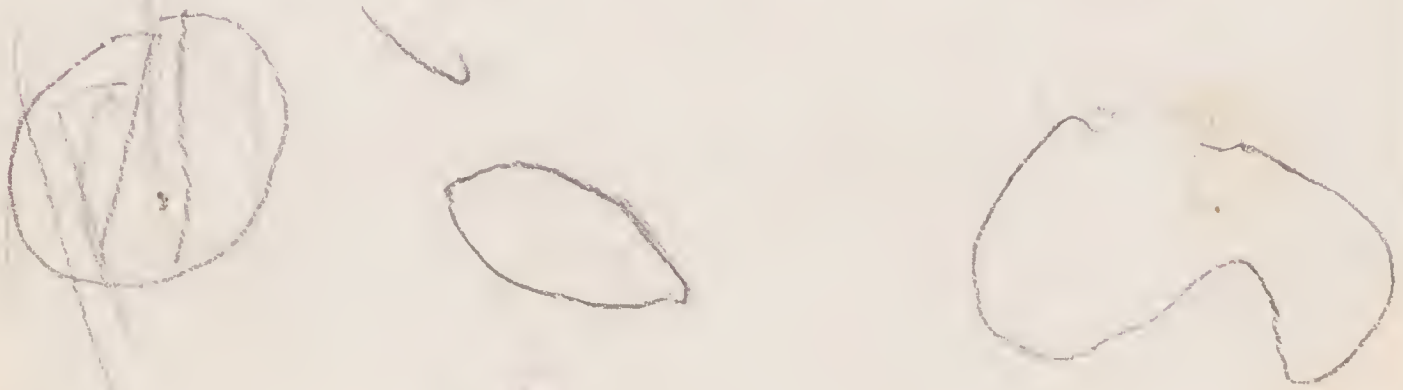
he can't get home.
Since he's walked from
Colorado are.

Has the Xmas box
arrived yet?

The chair came but
not the panama hat so far
as yet.

I must stop, I'm
really feeling fine
now and feel quite proud
of having been sick
since it's the first time
in my life - outside of
the grippe. much more
cheerily — alma.

DEAR DADDY
I AM SENDing
A HANDKERCHIEF
BECAUSE I
HAVE lost
Most OF those
that you
LEFt BEHIND
BARBARA



DEAR DADDY

I AM SEVEN

Nov. 23, 1926.

Dear Waldo,

Mr. Shoemaker just called me up and told me that Miss Rathbun's sister is being buried to-day in exactly one hour from now. I didn't know a thing about it I never have time to read the newspapers any more. I think he might have let me know last night. I managed to get flowers sent but I can't possibly get to the funeral.

flew into the house and he finally wandered off. My conscience bothers me about the Rathbun funeral but I have a paper to deliver at the book club to-day and I'd have to keep sister out of school. If I don't get into the waist fixes! Maybe I'll try to do it. I have forty-five minutes, but you can go thirty miles on sixteenth street now so good bye—

Don't worry about me getting fat!

Reina.

She was sick for only two days — pneumonia.
Your box arrived at the Museum this
morning and Mr. Bryant will bring the
chair out to-night in his car! It will
be the first time he's been near us since
you left. Hasn't even called up.
This poem was supposed to be in the
Xmas box but arrived too late. You know
Mrs Rutledge made the cookies.
Of all the things that can happen in this
neighborhood! This is funny for a change.
I thought I heard a knocking or thumping
at the back door so I opened it and in
walked a goat! a big fat Billy goat too!
I ran and he ran after me and luckily
the milk man just came in time and
caught him and tied him up. I believe
the old thing had a heart on, he acted
like it. But how the milk man did laugh!
Well, I was afraid to keep it tied up because
I felt sure I'd be accused of stealing it
and it made such a racket so I cleaned
way over the porch and cut the rope and then

Here's to the man who catches
snakes,
Here's to the man who brings 'em
home —
Here's to the man who is far away,
But whose thoughts will never
roam,
From the cozy, wee nest —
On the top of a hill,
Where laughter & sunshine abide —
Where the warm welcome there —
With its kind friendly cheer,

Extends to a circle so wide.

Good cheer for your Xmas,
Good friends warm your heart,
We are sending our greetings,
Tho miles do us part—

With all the reasons
real the Z wishes—

Your friends,
Rose Skinner Rutledge
And
Herbert Walton Rutledge

Nov. 18, 1926.

Dear Waedo

I'm sneaking time off my practising to write another of those letters you're clamoring for. Do you know what day tomorrow is? No?

I'm sending a Xmas box tomorrow. You'll have to pay some customs duty on it I guess. It's not much. Mrs. Farwell helped me make the candy and

Mrs. Rutledge made the cookies.

I called Shoemaker up this morning and still no boxes have arrived! He doesn't know what to do about it.

I'm afraid Ernie is having trouble with Miss Lyons in his office. She gives him his orders and (as he complains) makes a little errand boy of him when he was promised scientific work. For instance

while he's in the midst
of making a slide for
Dr. Longley she'll ring for
him and if he doesn't
jump and drop everything
she gets angry. He's probably
shown his resentment
a number of times and
blamed him entirely
on Ruth + Pelham take
up for him about it. It's
a case of pleasing two
masters. So he's taking
still another examination
next month for an eleven
hundred dollar job. Of
course I'm worried to

death over it all but
outside of trying to advise
him I can't do a thing.
He'll just have to paddle
his own canoe. His school
work seems alright, though
he never studies.

It's so hard for me
to try to do this music
business. It's simply
attempting the impossible.
and will certainly make
a nervous wreck of me.
That's face Australia
to-day. For instance,
Sister must be cooped
up with your mother and

the boy will be roaming the streets and he's had a gang of boys after him and I try to bring him home to lunch so he won't be beaten up and not to-day I can't do it. My lesson comes at one. And then I'll rush home and open some cans for dinner. It isn't right!

Allegheny street is almost impassable. I got a puncture going down it yesterday. You just have

to crawl along.

The boy is eight pounds overweight so I've stopped his milk at dinner. He's simply enormous! I can't get clothes for him anymore. He wears men's sizes in everything and only nine years old. What will I ever do? By the time he's twelve you'll be having to have tailor made clothes for him.

I just must stop! There's everything to do yet. & the other night

a man called up with a terribly foreign accent, sounded german, and I simply cared not understand him so he got peeved and hung up. Why doesn't such a person get some one else to do their phoning. I'm sorry. It was probably some one you know. Thelma was here and she tried to understand him too but couldn't.

Good bye till next time

Merry Xmas from us all

Anna

ripped and washed that hydrangia blue crepe de chine dress of mine and took it over to Ruth. She ~~sat~~ sewed the dress while I washed dishes from three meals and cleared up her kitchen. Then this morning she called up and said her boys wanted like to come over to spend the day. That meant go and get them etc. And worse still! Old man Connors seems to have it in for me since that road episode so he came over and threatened to have the

Nov. 13, 1926.

Dear Waldo,

If you're not getting much mail I'm sure it's no fault of mine. I wrote lots of letters to Lima as did your Mother, Miss Kathleen & Thelma. First heard that Pelham wrote you a letter and instead of asking me where to send it, called up The office and they gave him the Paris

address. Why do you want letters from me anyway. They are nothing but complaints and warnes & troubles I shoud be practicing instead of writing to you! See? I have a sink full of dishes, a yard full of kids and a house full of shit!

Aunt Alice called up one evening two weeks ago and Emin answered, as I was out, and then failed to tell me. So she called up to-day and of course I was much mortified but what cooed I do? I'm to start lessons again but I really and truly feel that I shoed not do it! I dont get things done as it ire and the constant trying to park the kids somewhere or have them cared for is too much besides a million other reasons.

Just to show you how things go! Sister is to take part in the Sunday School Xmas entertainment and needed a nice little dress. Well, I

ready to use the slightest
thing to start off. That fight
the boy had with Buddy helped
along too.

Cuin made ninety five on
his civil service exam. So
guess he nice get the increase
he's looking for. He has not
been taken into the fact.
He never goes out but what
I know all about it.

I can send you the money
anytime. Since you mentioned
sending it to B.C. I'd better
wait until you write for it.
Next week I expect to send

boy arrested for chasing
his chickens out of our yard.
Thad given the boy orders
to do it! The yard is full
of chickens all day long,
(worse than the dogs because
they never leave) so of course
I want them chased out.
Then he said he saw
me were saying some of the
chickens too. Said he saw
the boy pick one up. Isn't
it terrible? Somehow they
all seem to be looking
for trouble. Really! They seem

you a Xmas box. You'll
have to cart it around
with you until Xmas.
There won't be much in
it, I'm afraid.
We had a bad storm
the other day. The worst
of it struck La Plata,
Md. and blew the school
house over killing fifteen
children and injuring all
the rest. It grew black
as night and both kids
were in school so I had
fifty eleven spasms.
Have you sent Aunt Alice
a card. Her address is
1415 - 20th.

Mrs. Kelleter has sent a letter to send to you if you'll get to Guatemala. I feel sure you want to so I'm not sending it. Let me know if you want it. The weather is cold, below freezing every night.

Sorry to say that auto was bought to make me happy. It's not true. You wanted one as well as I did, you said so many a time. And I've wanted one for fifteen years! So there!

the shutter front works
fine only it's a nuisance
because I cou'dn't afford
to get an automatic one
and one is so apt to
forget to open it in time
and then the engine gets
too hot. Especially at
night when you can't see
the ammeter or what ever
you call that thing up front.
But it's alright. I had
winter oil put in and
alcohol for the radiator.
I'll stop now and write
another letter next week —
maybe. Now for the dishes!
From the mother of 3 boys
kiddies — alma.

Nov. 4, 1926.

Dear Waeb,

I hope this will
catch the steamer that
came in on Monday but
I doubt it. There was lots
and lots of mail sent to
Sina so if you only got
one letter of mine forwarded
to Salavery there's lots
more arrived after that.
Getting to send you the

twenty five on the 15th and
then another one later.
Yes, I'll do that.
There are still no boxes
of any sort arriving at the
museum.
I'll be sending you a
Xmas box soon, and then
you can just wait it around
with you until Xmas.
Soft coal has advanced in
price but hard coal is still
the same. We've had 4 degrees
weather most every night.
The birds are well at present

fifty dollars on the 15th but
if I can't quite make it I'll have
to wait until Dec. 1st. I hope
you won't need it badly before
then. I'm still hard up!
You know I get three dollars less
salary than I did last year.
It used to be $155.00 one pay day
and $153.78 the other. Now it's $155.78
one day and $150.00 the other.
I don't believe the feast is taking
Ervin on. I think it's a dirty shame.
I feel sorry for him. I know
he feels it keenly though he
never mentions it. Perhaps there's
still hope.
I paid that premium of $91.00
to the insurance company on Oct. 8-
and yesterday had the pleasant
surprise of having them send
me a check for twenty dollars
saying they'd made a mistake.
Perhaps I'll send you a check for

As soon as you have an idea when you will be back I'd like to know since Mrs. Landt invited me around to her 16th St heights women club and as I wrote you they want you address early in March if possible but will reconsider it if necessary. I'd like to know. A very choice group of twenty five women.

Good bye, this time

the Presbyterian church want that pledged money and I won't pay it. What shall I do?

worryingly, Alma.

Oct. 27.

Dear Wade,

Here goes my last letter to Lima. Your mail comes so irregularly that I can't keep track of the steamers. Sometimes they hold it up in Baltimore for examination for several weeks.

Now, are you ready for

and he came but said he need do nothing as it was all in Cabanas. Then I called up the mayor & got to get advice and got none then I was advised to get a bailiff in Prince George county but it was evening before I could get him and though he came over and agreed that I had reason for complaint, he took me Bird Hall was a friend of his and was a real nice fellow, and I'd

my long list of troubles again?
That'll seem to be getting
out of life right now.
Well, the worst first —
A week ago, Corinne came
over and asked if I had any
objection to that lump in the
road being removed. I said
no, I had none provided that
stayed away from the banks, and
the men who did the work.
(Bud Hall, one of our desirable
backwoods neighbors) promised
this to me. Well, next day he
came with four men and a team
and deliberately dug right into
the lane - all the way along!
Leaving the gate six feet up in
the air. I rushed out and appealed
to the men but was laughed at.
Then tried to get Major Bowden

to find me scrooning when you return, naturally. I certainly felt sorry for the boy. He was having a fight with Buddy Connors and had gotten the best of it and was on top of him when the big coon dog came along (a friend of Buddys) and I got on the dog and fairly pitchforked him. Well, I got hold of the coon and of course he denied it all, even denied being there. So what can we do. It better see the commissioner who lives on Riggs road. Well, I realized I was being made a fool of in desperation I called Pelham up and he came over and seemed to think that there had been much harm done. But then has! Then I turned to Mr. Lohr and got the same treatment, such as this, "Well it is too bad, sorry I can't help you, but Bud Hall

does work for me too. I asked you didn't throw some punches at them." Fine advice! Then he said that all I need do now is go to a lawyer and sue Red Hall. But I can't do that. I can't afford it and it wouldn't be worth it. Well, not one of these people went out of their way one bit to help me. That dumb cop could've even tell me where or to whom to go. Red Hall used the dirt to fill up around those ugly roses in the freezer.

I'm all hopped the dog after the front door. Then later in the afternoon. Then later in the afternoon. Then later in the afternoon

on on pay day. It will only cost six fifty out here. The grease cups were attended to long ago. I haven't been able to save any money as yet. I hope I can from now on.

We do need more room! Erwin sleeps in now and we all like to dress where it's warm so when you are here too it will be very hard to manage. Young Wades keep talking about this own room and I keep talking about my new happened right out here in our own fine neighborhood. I had thought that sister's asthma was gone forever but it's terrible again this year. She's been out of school a great deal. Last night I accompanied Thelma down at the City Club.

Erwin was not among the first ten boys listed as neophytes in the school paper. But now he's been

asked to the front again tonight
so I do hope they take him.
It remained that all the college
boys are wearing light grey suits
so he'd stick out the complex.
Well, he bought one and he
insists that as soon as the
first boy saw how nifty he
looked they invited him again.
You know you did once tell me
that you must insist except
Valhem because of this clothes
Of course I didn't tell Erwin this
so don't worry about that!
Last Sunday we want to getting
Waltons, Hormathon & Shelma
and all. After half way up it
rained and continued to rain
all day. But we enjoyed it
nevertheless. Had a little trouble
with wet ignition, (the second time
that's happened) but after we dried
out, it all was well.
Did I have a shutter shot yet

review the life of a Japanese woman writer.

Yerkes, Samord and Wenzel have resigned from the mothers club. More will probably follow. They have you booked for another lecture in April or May. And Mrs. Dandt of Colorado ave called me up and wants to know if you will give her club a talk when you get back.

Pop sends Emin the money regularly. Emin hasn't had the result of his recent eye service test yet.

The weathers pretty cool but I haven't used alcohol in the radiator yet.

Good bye—

Oh. not one box has come to the museum as yet.

Dr. Mann returned with his noah's ark. They certainly gave him enough publicity. Even had

commander Byrd at the
dock to meet him. And
showed pictures of Mamm
kissing the fiancée etc.
You realist bring some
animals with you as the
apparently fear more than
they can handle.

Time got to stop. If I
continue I might remember
some more troubles.

From your very middle aged

wife Alvina

Ps It any of you were
close but the boy informed
me that he prefers 13th century one it
from please me!

furnace so you'll better
get busy. I not believe
the palace made a very
big hit with the boots
dear ladies. You know I
don't like some of them
but like some I don't
and eyes cooking you and
down the walls and
the stove (my corner spot.)
(one of them and the
three were certainly unique.
Tee! hee! My real big
Easter don't come till
April. Next month I great

Oct. 13, 1926.

Dear Waeds,

Yoive sent no change of address so Im still sending mail to Lima.

Im so busy these days! Just rush, rush, rush all day and half the night. I must have a maid! So! there!

I accompanied Dr. Hamed's pupils at his opening reception last night. It was a smart full dress affair

days with asthma again. Its surely provoking! She's up on the smart side of the class where she belongs now so Ive got that much settled. She boy's doing good work. He has a very attractive teacher, young and blond. Ervin takes his examination next week. I hope he'll get his seventy five a month.

I dont know what to make of the Brat. They invited Ervin to two smokers and to a dance, and now he hasn't heard from them for over two weeks. They didn't make

(though none of the men wear swallow tails any more, just dinner jackets) and I should have had a new dress but I wore the old black rag. Couldn't afford a new one. He was tickled to pieces over me and want me to do some regular accompanying at his home once a week for which I'll be paid. I hope I can get some more pay work. I've got the money coming bee badly. And next week I have to accompany Ben Morrison

(oh boy!) and two strange females.
I haven't heard a word from Aunt Alice since the day they were here. She apparently didn't like the way I was "situated"!
Ruth and her boys and Waddo Jr. and I spent one hectic day at the Philadelphia Sesquie. We went up on the train and Sista stayed with your Mother. It cost me fifteen dollars in all but was worth it, to the boys anyway.
Sista has been home from school three

last.
Santa Eda and Uncle Will were here over a week but I didn't see them.
We have the fire a going and all the fine white dirt that goes with it too.
Barrows have made Nunnis house beautiful. They've done all that we cared not have done. A fine furnace, new paper, beautiful floors, one partition down and the house painted. And a railing on the front porch. Mrs. Barrows told me that some books Mr. Barrows bought for seven dollars a few years ago are now worth either Erwin or Thelma very comfortable at the dance either. Paid no attention to them whatever. She went of them drank with the girls and carried on and they felt much left out. I feel badly over it. Your own boy might be having the same treatment you know. Harold Young, down at his office is President of the Phi Sigma Kappa and took Erwin to their first house once so perhaps he'd host not fool with that other bunch at all. There are so many things

for me to worry about now a days.
I even helped him write a theme last night. Or rather, I wrote most of it.
Well, he does work hard all day now. He's been out in the corn fields at Arlington. And that's hard work, so by the time he gets home from school he's very tired. Sometimes I feel he's hardly equal to it physically.
The Hamiltons have come and gone—. They're mighty good folks.

I drive around everywhere now and at all hours of the night. Last Sunday we got a puncture. Ran a big long tack into the tire. But it's all fixed up. On Sunday I'm having Emma change all the tires around.

Your article on "the Compass Medusa" appeared in the October nature magazine. Were you ever paid for it?
Miss Catlin is still in your office and Miss Kathleen says she's never worked so hard in all her life. But of course it won't

a thousand.

It's time to go for Sister. She's back at school for the first time to-day since her attack.

I just know how you must have enjoyed the blonde woman at Salavery. Well, never mind. I'm playing for a dark man next week and what's more he's coming here tomorrow night to rehearse!

So there!

Good bye

as never

Alma.

Dear Waeda

Shiro letter from Rudolf came after I'd mailed the other letter.

I'm fright fully busy to-day getting ready for the Hamiltons. Emm has brought home a four tube radio set and loud speaker. It is very fine: We get Chicago, Cleveland Atlantic City, etc. He didn't want me to tell you. It's to be a surprise. That Dr. Schmidt (whom I distrust) in his office traded it to him for some rare stamps. But then he's spent a good deal on it

besides. It's wrong of that man to tempt Emma that way. I'd really like to meet him.

I've no more news. Joy is teaching again.

Good bye

Hastily,

Anne

Sept. 30

Dear Waldo,

We're having more of that horrid cold rainy weather. It's so gloomy. I hate to stay at home.

Well, the kids are in school. The boy has struck a nice teacher, thank heavens but he thinks the work is very hard. I think he's doing well though.

Mrs. Steiner has the second grade this year so Sister

She Hamiltons are arriving tomorrow and will stay with me a few days. Ill take the boys' double couch out in the dog house and Emm can sleep here on the couch.

Emm is being rushed by the Sigs but some one told him something about a tremendous initiation fee. On some other Sigs it's seventy five dollars. He can't afford anything like that. I don't know anything for certain though and he can't very well ask.

has Mrs. Keane a very nice sweet girl. They divided the kindergarden and she was put in the desirable class, but to my great surprise, when Mrs. Keane divided her (the advanced) class into three groups poor Sitter was put in group three. I was mad enough to bite. That's the dumb side and you know she's not a bit slow. Though I must confess in trying to help her at home she does seem to forget very quickly. I asked the reason of the grouping and Mrs. Keane insisted that in this class there's very little difference in the groups, but I hate it because of it's moral effect on Sister. But I can't do a thing about it but keep on helping her all I can. Their method of teaching is entirely different than when the boy started so it's hard for me. They teach them no sounds whatever. Well, enough of that!

called up and said that Mrs. Bien had urged Jean to go along with them, and I know she toadies to Mrs. Bien so I guess she dared not refuse. I had all decorations fixed for eight children so at the last minute I got two more but I'm done with Mrs. Bien. The other woman is just a simple fool but I thought better of the Bien woman.

Nothing but complaints again! But life is so full of disappointments all the time, it seems. I'm still in the depths mentally but

He has a chance to take an examination on Oct. 15 for minor Lab. assistant at seventy five a month and if he passes he can stay right in his office. I hope he gets it.

The classes at G. W. are tremendous. He has six hundred in his English class. It sounds impossible

The boy witnessed something in this fine neighborhood that was terrible. I had gone for Sister and he was in the yard when the Blondon woman ran out

of the house screaming that she was being murdered and fought as far as the fence when Blundon came out and beat and kicked her almost to death. She boy was so frightened he couldn't speak. He had hidden in the house for fear Blundon might go for him too. She had to be carried in by neighbors. She boy said he didn't know a man would even do that to a woman. Well, he's learned something!

I hope you won't have to have that operation down there.

Sister had her birthday party - eight little girls and they had a great time. I'm very angry at Mrs. Bien and at Jean Bindine's mother over it but it's a long story. Jean and Phyllidda were both invited and accepted. On the day of the Party Mrs. Bien called up and said they had decided to go on a camping trip that day so Phyllidda couldn't come. Soon after Mrs. Bindine

I dare not go to a doctor
or he might prescribe a
sea voyage — tee! hee!
It will be nice to have
May Hamilton here a bit.
We never see Erwin any
more but at breakfast.
I haven't heard from Aunt
Alice since she left on her
vacation and she's been
back a month.
Erwin is taking Thelma to
a frat dance on Saturday.
I'm so cold I must
look for a wrap. You know
how I hate to put one on too.
I hope all is still well

with you.
She car runs finely—
ever since you left, tee! hee!
Outside of Annapolis, we've
taken no trips.

Well. Goodbye
from a short haired
female — Alma

I'm not as vicious as
I sound!

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HOTEL VICTORIA

ANEXO DEL HOTEL TIVOLI

MALECON 1 9 DE OCTUBRE, No. 103

Guayaquil, Monday morn de 1926
ECUADOR (S. A.) Sept. 20,

Dear Sir: I didn't know I would be writing so soon again, but I have just received this paper (enclosed) and take it to the office with the next instalment of notes. I was told you had to pay for everything printed in the papers, but I didn't really believe it. This a.m. the enclosed was delivered to me, a regular

for permission to publish an article about me in the paper named and a receipt for 20 rupees, intimating that if I pay 20 rupees they will publish it. I shall seeing & hearing in believing. This morning reporter came to see me & I said I was not interested. He wanted his receipt back & with his very little English, and my pretended lack of knowledge of all Spanish I managed to put him off. I want to save the papers or did not want to let him know I knew anyone who he mailed. Here goes and take care of it because of the interesting side-lights of how some things are done in other countries, Best regards — — and a drop of good thoughts and when some

Dick just sent me a picture of his home. It's certainly a dream. Perfectly beautiful, in all respects. And Joy is fixing up her house so wonderfully. I feel quite discouraged. Dicks home has been featured as one of the show homes in Pasadena. Some speed!

Rather a complaining letter I know but one can't put on a brave front all the time. Guess I ought to be glad my kids haven't been killed yet but they probably will be before the next term is over — so there!

I saw Heidemann's home the other day. It has changed hands again, all the furniture

Sept. 16, 1926.

Dear Waldo,

I don't know when to expect mail from you but there ought to be some soon.

Everything is so-so around here. Sister and I have heavy colds and coughs. I don't know what to do about Sister. Her hay fever is terrible and the way she coughs makes me wonder about whooping cough. And school starts Monday! It took her to Stanford but he just shrugged his

shoulders, as usual.

And things are mounting up for me at such a rate, I'm going into a retreat soon. So-day that blooming Davis woman + kids is coming and tomorrow I have to play at a reception and have a committee meeting here in the evening. (And next week I entertain the club and the next week comes the book Club.

Ervin had a bad accident yesterday- his birthday. A test tube broke in his hand & cut his little finger to such an extent that several stitches had to be taken on each side of the finger. Cut right to the bone. The doctor couldn't say whether it would remain stiff or not. It caused great consternation in the office but Ervin was greatly pleased. Said it was the first thrill he had had in some months.

I had supposed that you had made the payment on that loan when you paid your bank stock but you didn't and I received a note to that effect so I will make a double payment tomorrow.

was included again — so it's still going as it was.

I had a chat with Dr. & Mrs. Fowler. He is very feeble.

Walton's trip is all off. They are much disappointed.

Well, enough for this time; Next morning!

Good bye. Best from all

Alma.

Dear Dolly

I
want to tell you
some news. We
went to the shack
after you left.
Ernie brought
two fishing lines
and three of us

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Real early before
breakfast and
fish till
breakfast time
and then we
had enough
to fish for
breakfast.
After breakfast
we fished till

Lunch time

then the we

had to go out

and catch our

lunch. Then we

went to see

look in the water side

love from

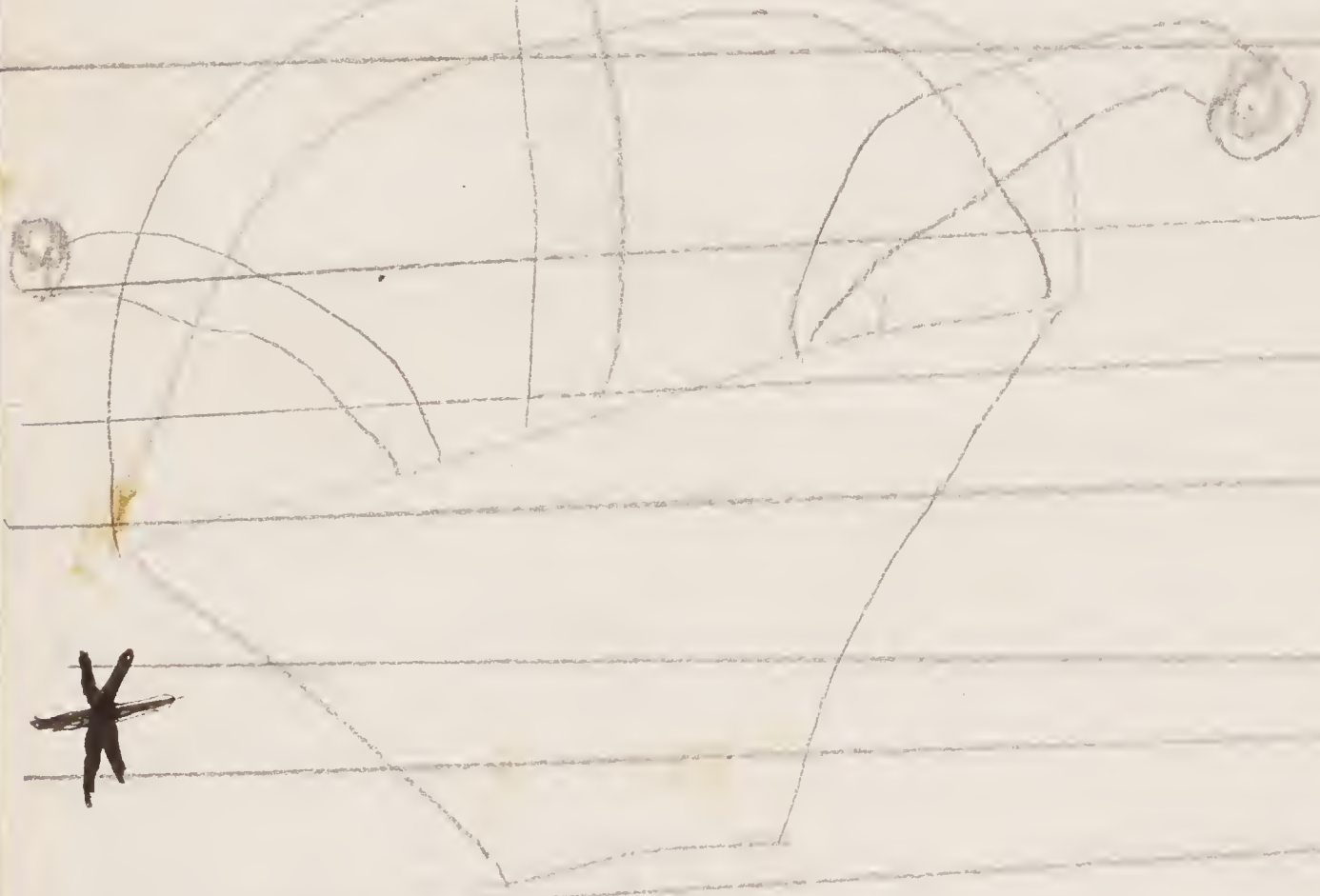
Uncle

BARBARA

TO DADDY

I AM SIX

YEARS OLD



Sept 3.

Dear Waldo

your letter came this morning and there seems to be lots of news missing.

Who is your roomate?

I stole this picture from Erwin and will get him another so I can mark this off. The shipping reports are all off this time. The papers said the steamer was due on next Monday.

I'm much worried about things that were delivered to you on the ships.

And also asked about the payments & on the money you borrowed from the bank.

Edwin Cellar insists that he sent us notice for renewal.

Pop's place of business was burned out.

Don't fail to send the boy some stamps. Sisters hay fever is very severe this year. She even had a night of asthma.

Ed, Joy & Ned go to Atlantic City next week. Your Mother and a nurse will stay with the baby.

a bill from the Wash. Sub. San. Com
for what they call the 2nd & 3rd
annual
installment for sewer connection
charge. Fifteen dollars and $1.50
interest. Wasn't the second installment
paid? Must I go down to the Museum
and look up receipts or shall I
pay it. It's due on the 5th and I
can't decide what to do.

I'm afraid you didn't get my
last letter as I just sent it
to Salaverry, Pem. You didn't give
me any other address at that time.
We've had a number of picnics
Chapel point, and up the river
for two days and nights.
I'll probably have Robbie Warton
for a month or more as it seems
that Ruth + Pelham are really
going. We'll have to take & get him
from Chevy Chase school.
On the other letter I sent you I
asked about paying a bill of eight
dollars which came for you for some

The two books on which
I must write papers are
"A Daughter of the Samurai" - by
Sugimoto - darned jap stuff
"
and "A Prayer under Three
Reigns" by Sir J. Forbes Robertson.
I guess I'll send the next
letter to Lima.
I'm off to bed now. I'm
tired too. I slept with Sister
up at the shack and she is
so restless with her hay fever
she kicked me black + blue.
Until next time Good bye
Alma.

Mrs. Daniels - Letter from Mrs
to her Sister - Neil, Miss

I can't afford any permanent waving. Money is scarce around here. It will be all I can do to get that ninety dollars together in time.

I'll hurry this off now. I hope you can get that other letter.

Good luck —

Alma.

for two papers this time.
I don't know yet when they
are due.
I'm afraid I must dig into
that money in the bank to
pay the life insurance. After
the 15th of Oct. all will be
well. I've paid so many
bills and they keep on coming.
I'm glad your trouble
is better. Mr. Morris, however
must have his operation
done over again.

Labor day.

Dear Wade,

The paper says there's
a steamer going to Valparaiso
on Thursday so I'll just send
another line along. I've sent
two letters before this.
Your diary came several
days after the letters, hence
my complaint of a scarcity
of news.
We spent Saturday and

Sunday up the river again and the boy got his fill of fishing. He caught several large cat fish in the river and dozens of small perch in the canal. We had them fried for supper.

The U.S.A. fleet of Honolulu spent two days here and, like all the other dummies, called me up a few hours before their leaving time. I rushed down to their hotel and saw Mrs. Foo a few minutes. She has no desire to come back to U.S.A.

I paid that sewer bill. I coned find no receipt for it in your papers. The girl in the office said they'd probably sent no notice last year at all and just charged up the two years payment at once not forgetting the interest.

I must entertain the Mother's Club in two weeks. God help me!

And the books club have me down

from first + Allegheny Sts
out here and would like to
come over. Well, I waited up
till ten Thirty and he never
arrived.

Mrs. Seidel is giving a
luncheon tomorrow and I
had taken my dress to the
cleaners so I had to buy
a new blouse. I hope you'll
like it better than the
last one. It's very very neutral!
They put your picture in the
Post with an article ending

Aug. 26.

Dear Waeds,

I don't feel a bit
sure that you'll get this.
I don't know any other address
to use.

This is the first clear
day after two steady weeks
of rain and the air feels
like October. All is well
with me so far.

One thing worries me.
In making ~~J~~ that monthly

payment at the Bank toward the money you borrowed, I showed it you have left me a slip or something to show? Well, I guess they'll fix me up alright.

Second street is almost impassable and Johnson is out of town and besides they said nothing could be done until another council meeting had been called. I still get through but it's risky.

A funny thing happened. A man called up the other night and I had great difficulty understanding him—. On the first place he said his name was milligan or something like it. Then he asked for you and bemoaned the fact that both you & Shoemaker were out of town. Then he mentioned radio and said he supposed you'd failed to tell me, and then all at once he said he was phoning

Mrs. Farwell said she'd like some parrots or what ever you call 'em too.
But I wouldn't pay any attention to that. Just fancy to imagine her husband bringing me something.
Golly! It must be nice to skip off for six months and leave all your troubles behind. I've got seven chicken in the yard, dinner to get and ironing to do. Doesn't that sound interesting?
Now, once upon a time Alma.

up with "He will travel alone"! I've been joked about it ever since.
And worse still, Ruth called up and said that the Savannah, Georgia paper said that you were traveling with a Miss Jones.
How about it?
The N.Y. candy was delicious. Best I've ever tasted.
Not much to write about as it rained every day

since you left and trying
to keep the kitchen occupied
has worn me to a draggle.
A bill for eight dollars has
come here from Stiles Co. for
goods delivered to your ship. Shall
I pay it? I'm afraid it might
be a mistake.

I had to laugh at your perky
stenographer. I called up to ask
Maloney whether this address
would reach you and he was out
so I asked the girl and she said
there was no address left before
Lima, Peru and when I suggested
I might call Maloney later
she said I need'nt, that she
knew more about it than he did.
and said that I had best send
my letter to Lima. tee hee.

We visited the Zoo on Sunday
and had supper with your folks.

Sues. mom.

Dear Waldo,

Aren't you horribly surprised to get a letter this time?

We just arrived home from the station and I'm so sick I can scarcely write. I haven't been eating any breakfast for some time and the pancakes were too much for me, I guess. The boy, trying to be nice, offered to fix me a tray and at the mere mention of it, I

relieved myself a second time.
This special delivery came just now so I'm sending it on to you.
Erwin was still at home and took all his money to bank it. He said he'd go to the bank where the rest in the office go. He mentioned the name — I don't remember. Federal National, I believe.
I feel awfully down and out. That machine certainly isn't making me gain weight. I've lost fifteen pounds.
There's no news to write about as yet.
Ruth's address is, Vernon Ave. — 111 Holly av.
Farwells is - C. G. Farwell - 204 Holly.
H. Rutledge - 128 Chestnut
Well, I hope you meet lots of nice people, especially women, and you'll doubtless still get some pep out of life.
Good bye and good luck
I'm on my way to the basin again.
alumni..

Got in Tuesday from B.A. & wanted to leave Friday the first

(Dec. 31 Thursday) ①

Dear Mummy I don't know where to begin I'm in a terrible stew it just turned out as I feared it would in that one letter I wrote you. You know I thought I had made all arangements & there darned ostriches here, and imagine my surprise when returning Tuesday morning that nothing had been done. Not one thing. The got the idea I could ride two weeks more & besides they didn't think there was time enough. Well I was so flabbergasted I couldn't do anything but sit down. Then I got busy. In a taxi I visited six different carpenters before I found one who would make the cages a crate in day and a half, I contracted for the feeders & it's delivery engaged an auto truck to take me & the cages to the ostrich & get the birds & make the man

who promised the birds (promise) that he'd have them caught while the cages were being built. Yes I did that all in 3/4 of an day rather up till 11 o'clock at night on Tuesday with the help of Bremberas.. Wednesday I visited the cage construction once to be sure they would be done on time, and at seven P.M. got them (them) on an auto truck + landed them in a depot (garage/warehouse de) ready to start at 5 a.m. this a.m. for Florida. At noon 9 p.m. when I got back to the Hotel + there was the ostrich man to give me his regrets that his brother in the eskimo had countermanded the order a midnight up some how or other there would be no birds today which means I can't go on the steamer tomorrow with the letter.

And I was the cage in my hands
I would ditch the whole rotten
business and come home but the
cage cost too much to abandon
at this stage of the game. Jim
promised the birds would be in time
for the next season but that means
making new arrangements all around.
The Hagenbeck line has promised to
carry them free if I accompany them
and that is why I must delay
over. There is absolutely no
consolation for the enforced stay.
Could I afford to pay for the cage out
of my own pocket I would come
home but I can't. Mamma the
Zoo supt. told me he would reim-
burse me for my expenditures in getting
the birds but I can't expect him
to pay if I don't get them.
There is only one thing I
can do & that is write such
magnificent & fascinating letters that

be wonderfully helpful. My wife is so pleased that I have what I have in the bottle in a carbon copy etc. etc.

Not there is no diary. Dotted marks copies of the last installment, feeling so sure I was coming home. But it's the mañana, mañana, mañana all the time. The Chileans, what's two more weeks. I wrote you that Brazilian saying "after one day comes another, what could be so cheap!"

Am terribly disappointed to write more, there is no explanation I can offer you. The great disappointment with the Andes as I had expected & here I sit with two empty crates on my hands. I shall try to work up a few notes & there may be a trip to the Solomon Islands I can make but am not very hopeful.

Dr B. A.

I got a tremendous consolation for not getting to Puerto Madryn. I got more stuff from there than I could have collected myself in a year's time and they let me have my pick of there crustacea. Its one of there museums it does your heart good to visit, I filled up the two boxes I was lugging to Puerto Madryn when I got back & the hall with crustacea, and a few echinoderms in exchange, I could have brought more Mollusca & Brozoa and shore not had I had the room & the time. You see I had to sit and pack the stuff myself, & with this rush to get back for time — — — Had I didn't have time enough. Had I told you the San Blas Museum & Dr Lutz promised to be gleaned with me.

But oh! how crabby I feel the food doesn't suit. I made the girl me another room at the hotel, & I don't know & care really & any body. Our whole week's boat ride

life. / There are lots of fellows I
would to add to them complain
during / or I hope it's double spaced.
But / met Miss Bernath thought of
that. I had to telegraph to Bur
Paul's about some specimens I have
been promised them which I told
them to have in readiness for this steam
& mail will be two weeks delay
aboard.

Aside from all disappointments
the best thing that happened to
me in visiting B. A. And did I
tell you I visited the German deck
sea clipping steamer the Melos
& had some real good Hamburg
beer on board with Sh. Heinrich Heutschel
the planktonologist of the Hamburg
museum & met the rest of the scientific
staff & inspected the ship. They
are certainly doing things up
brown & I never saw so much equip-
ment / crammed in so little space

a hundred & 36 men aboard &
go to Punta Arenas. We practically
smiled myself through most of
this impossible Magellan. But it
were too crowded to take me on. They
are running a series of about 12
transverse sections across the
south Atlantic and will with this
trip have made all in the south
half & beginning next month up towards
Rio & the equatorial section. If
we build a new vessel in the States
they could learn a lot from the helm,
& think they are equipped for
anchor in 6-7,000 fathoms of
water & the better maintain their
station in making observations. Though
I missed Stanley Kemp & his efficient
I did meet one equally important
and between them & the specimens
I have honoured & taken in exchange
of B.A. I think had a wonderfully profitable trip after all. Only
to find I ate or miss dinner
in my cabin because, the return

may be better than no reprs, a lack of reprs of mind may seem criminal.

On Christmas day and no word from me. The director Hoelle - founder of the B.A. took me to Sigre a suburb of B.A. where we did a little collecting. But since this all old memories in my notes but I can't say if the material is of any or not.

But I don't dare write more. This ramble may relieve my feelings a bit, but not you can compensate me for the loss of these two weeks. The British Consul attaché here tells me you have had at least 25% more time + money in S.A. than you wilder flights of fancy would indicate + Tremoleras adds "no, 50%

Send word in. Goodby girl till the next pleasure which I dearly be. Not my fault if mine is not of the time since I left cages in all, + I can't afford to throw the Buenos Aires

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ALVINA.

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Miss Bennett type Waedo's diary. Of course I expressed surprise, I was surprised too, and he went right down and made a fuss about it. It was Miss Rathbun's doing and even though there's nothing wrong about it I should have been informed. But Bryant made matters much worse It's a long story but still I can't help but feel that you didn't want the thing read and discussed by everyone until you had a chance to go over it.

Oct. 30, 1925

Dear Waedo -

This will just be a little note. I felt a bit uneasy when you mentioned getting money from the Smithsonian at Punta Arenas so I phoned Bryant and he went to Dorsey and was told that you had bpt no instructions to that effect. You

told him that you'd write when you wanted money. Well, I told him you'd never get it in time and he agreed to that so he had me read you letter saying that you hoped to find that money at Punta Arenas. I don't believe he knows how much to send either.

He certainly must be mixing things up. Well, if the money isn't there when you want it you'd best telegraph collect and Bryant and me can get the money down to you alright. You should engage passage home in time to. I guess you'll never make it by Xmas.

Another bothersome thing has happened, goodness knows I cried'nt help it. I took an installment of your diary down to the office for Shoemaker and Miss Rathbun and next day Bryant called up, (he is a regular old woman about some things) and said, "I see you're having

I'm really awfully provoked at Bryant, though. He cored have handled it lots better.

I'm having Mrs. Bassler and Mrs. Dunn + her mother to lunch to-day so I'm busy as heck.

I'm having Bassler's bike fixed up for the boy for Xmas.

I guess the best thing you can do is to write Miss Rathbun and tell

her what a clever thought it
was & have the diary typed
and that will fix it up. You
know I'd never do anything
intentionally & hurt her feelings.
I'm off
and hurry up home before
I get into any more difficulties
for now

Alma

Oct. 19, 1925.

My dear Mr. Schmitt.

Here goes another epistle to Punta Arenas. Your last letter gave me no clue as to where to write so here's hoping you get all these fiery love letters.

It's cold, cold, cold!!! A terrible wind but poor little sister braved it and went off to school with her brother this morning. He takes her now on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and I take and get her all other times. I hope I'm not rash in letting her go with him. I know your Mother doesn't approve.

Things are going better with the boy at school just as they always do. The teacher was quite apologetic the next time I saw her. Dirty bum! And what! more she urged him to come to her Sunday school which meets at the Salvoma

theater - Lutheran - and he is simply overjoyed with it. Reproaches me for not letting him go long ago and says not every day, "gee, I'm glad I'm a Lutheran." Now he takes sister too. He's very much of a problem these days. And another thing. He's getting fat for the first time in his life. It really worries me. He weighs 81 pounds the same as Billy Walton. and you can really see the fat on him. None of his clothes fit any more. I guess he eats too much but what can I do when he's hungry all the time.

I've received an invitation to a dinner given by the Nature magazine for November 18 to the scientific staff - it's to be a yearly affair so I will have to send regrets for you. Too bad.

I had a terrible scare the other day. Received a letter from a lawyer saying that I must pay a note on the house for 300 dollars plus 100 dollars

interest at once since five years had elapsed. I rushed down to John with it and found that he simply failed to pay it when he got this money. That's the way those men do business. So he said not to worry about it, he'd fix it right up.

The Swansons are giving the Mothers club a Halloween masquerade. Boo! hoo! I have no man so I wont go and I've never been to a masquerade in all my life.

Thursday night is the grand affair at the City Club. I'm taking Grandma (Lord help me) and Irene and Billy Davis will be here. Billy has to come to see Irene home. They live way over on Poplar.

There's another problem about the boy. He wants a bike! and he does nothing but talk bike morning, noon and night. He's learned to ride one too which makes it all the worse. What's to be done? I'm afraid if he

doesn't get one at Xmas He'll think the world is come to an end.

I caught four baby rats in my rat traps. I hope I have the whole family now.

You ought to see me manage that stove. Always knew I didn't need you around!

You must get more sleep! If you get in a run down condition you will surely get a fever. She dies is wonderfully interesting but if it keeps you from sleeping you'd best stop it or make it more brief anyway.

You still haven't mentioned any red hot mamma. What is the matter?

Wednesday

I must go to rehearse at the City Club to-day. Grandma is a comfort at times but now that her house is cold it makes it a bit hard. See be wearing my old black evening dress tomorrow night. I've a new coat and can't afford a new dress too. Do you want more money at Valparaiso? I can easily send some.

Frigid greetings from ice cold mamma.

It seems that there's no chance at
you getting cheaper fare on the
home trip. Bryant made enquiry
but they said, no! Wetmore says
that he tried to get it too when he
was away but found it impossible.
The cheap rate is only for Embassy
attaches.

You'd better write your Mother a
letter. I believe she feels a bit
hurt though I explained it all and
she reads your diary as do Bryant
+ Shoemaker. I'll bet you forgot
that fishing pole for Dr. Halliday!
I failed to remind you too.

Grandma's baking apple pies and
there's bean soup and cauliflower
salad - Yum Yum!

Is Mrs. Bacon satisfied to live
down there forever? She haven't sent
that coffee nor have I sent the
books. I'm busy, man! I'm forever
going + getting Sister and chasing

down to the city club and paying bills!

Enough for this time.

Lovingly Alma.

Dear Daddy
did you get my letter
that sent you.
I wish you would
come home tomorrow.

He failed to think of anything else
to write so bye bye

Wednesday Oct. 7.

Dear Waldo

I keep writing to Punta Arena because I dont know where else to write. Youve mentioned now that you may not get to Valparaiso at all so I dare not write there until I know. The dress suit arrived and is duly hanging up.

Before lighting the stove I took a look at the chimney and horrors! the top was full of holes due to crumbling of bricks and looked very shaky so while I had planned to get a man to fix it (I hated to bother Bryant with it) Grandma spilled the beans so to say and told him about it so he came with cement and patched it up but says that you must attend to it soon as all the bricks are simply crumbling to pieces

and he says that the chimney has no lining and is a fire menace. But we expect it to last until you get home. While Bryant was here I got him to write a letter for me too. One that the H. & S. Assn. instructed me to write. Pretty fine!

Now I have a fine agony as Sister had an asthma attack and I had to have a warm house. It was not as bad as her last attack but she was home from school for three days to her great grief.

The boy has a h— of a teacher! He is kept after school practically every night. I'm in just about the same stew that I was when he started with Mrs. Steiner, only worse because this teacher is absolutely unapproachable. They say she has never been known to smile. I went to see her and was toed that he was the

worst boy in the room and a long tale of woe ending up with the same old complaint of, "And he's such a ~~big~~ boy too"! Well, I'm coaching at home, and he brought home a 100 number paper today so here's hoping. I'm not attending the Mothers' Club meetings as I won't come home here alone. I had a bad scare the other night coming from the H. + S. meeting and I refuse to do it again. It was still quite early but I met a nasty man just at the dreaded place and he stopped and stared after me the whole way up to the house. That finished me! If they were a bit decent (I mean the Mothers Club) they'd come up in a bunch and take me home but I shoned worry, I just dont go!

Mrs Morgan had me down at Mr. Lilly's home one evening. I played and made a hit with him. He called for me and brought me home. That's

more like it. And I accompanied a fine Calif. singer at the community league Monday night and was brought home in a fine car too. She is a Mrs. Suttle and is teaching singing. Mrs. Lyons, of the city club asked me to be her regular accompanist too but I said I'd have to be called for and brought home. ahem! I've joined the music section of the City Club. Met Mrs. Garrett Millen there while having dinner there with Thelma and Phyliss. How does all this sound? Pretty fine, eh? you better hurry home.

We had Mrs. Herring's father here Sunday. He is leaving for Guatemala again. Crazy old Dutchman! He too warned me about you and the "red skinned women".

What on earth is your legal residence. Shoemaker head to know and put Sabroma Parks, Md.



Mr. Waldo L. Schmitt.

c/o American Consul,

Montevideo.

~~Punta Arenas~~

Uruguay

~~Chile.~~

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W. S. Schmidt
Highland Lane
Sakoma Park Md
U. S. A.

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DEL NIÑO, CUÍDELO EN
TRABAJO QUE DIGNIFICA

Sept. 16, 1925.

Dear Waldo,

My! my! but you're getting me all stewed up! Your demand for money just arrived - Ha! ha! (I knew you'd want some) and now I've already written letters to Buenos Aires and to Punta Arenas! Gracious me! Your intimacy is all bunk!!! And I'm afraid you'll never get this either if you leave Montevideo on the 15th of Oct As a steamer left for that place yesterday and goodness knows when the next one goes. But since you'll be expecting the money at that point I guess I'd better send it. And you'll just have to wait for it. I almost feel tempted to send a telegram that I'll send the money to Buenos Aires but

I haven't the nerve.

My busy time is beginning. On the first place Thelma is spending a few days or rather nights with us as Ed + Joy have taken your mother for a short trip. She sleeps in the boys bed and he is down on the couch. Then I've worked like blazes over that club program. Now it's done and I'm quite proud of it. The club meets here next Wednesday night. We'll have a full house too. And school starts next week and now dummy Thelma has arranged for me to accompany her dancing at the City Club again and it's the dickens for me to get away. I've explained some of the reasons in my other letters which you haven't received yet.

Oh! the last mail arrived just two days ago. It came from Baltimore

and had been torn open and mussed up and I think a few of the things were missing. Well, I'm glad to have gotten it at all after that long time. Huh! you didn't spend much time weeping after all, seeing that you were right in on everything. That was clever business to win the prize and to play bridge in such a fashion but everyone tells me I'll never see my husband again. So there! Since he's already begun chasing wild women!

The weather is very warm, much warmer than in August. And <u>such</u> terrible storms!

The boy's nasal trouble has started again. The same discharge. I just hate to start expensive treatments and I guess that's all one can do. He often coughs at night too. But <u>only</u> at <u>night</u>!

The Barrows are home again and he is playing with John to day. John looks fine and tops our kid now. He learned to swim across a 70 foot pool this summer.

I'll attend to that money order tomorrow morning. That's the best I can do. I'm afraid I won't have much saved though I'm trying hard enough. I must have a coat. But I can send you lots more just the same.

Sept. 17.

We took Thelma to the Firemens carnival last night. And Mrs. Hunn has called up this morning and wants to take us to Harpers ferry to-day. The offer is too good to refuse so we're going. I'll pay for the lunch. I'll get you money off tomorrow. It doesn't matter for there's no steamer going down there this week any more. The Watsons were over last night, came

at ten and stayed till eleven thirty. We hadn't seen them for ages. & she hasn't invited us over once. Grandma is quite insulted.

Blundons have sold their little home to adventists. Smoots and Binkleys are both taking gas now.

9. p.m.

We had a wonderful drive to Harpers Ferry. Mrs. Hunn certainly is generous when she's in a mind to be so. My eyes are so tired and ache so that I can't write long and this goes aft tomorrow.

Your mail comes so differently. One never gotten anything in order yet. And now something is held up in the customs house and must be opened. Well, I seem to get it all eventually.

I stopped at the post office to-day and they said I can send the money order alright so I'll do so tomorrow.

I went down town with McCandlish the

other day. He said he gave you a write up in the post when you left, (he works for the Post now) and there was a small notice in the editorial page of the Star which I failed to see. He'd like you to write an entertaining book which he'd illustrate and you could both make money. He liked your anemone article immensely, oh! yes! I guess it was on that article that he gave you the write up.

I'll be in a hurry in the morning so will just add a few lines to this at the Post office.

Why do you never mention the women? Haven't you met any? Or are you afraid to?

Now where in the d— shall I send the next letter! Well, I'll send it to Punta Arenas again. ~~Buenos Aires again~~. I know you'll never get all of them. Remember there's already one at Buenos Aires and one at Punta Arenas and the next will be at ~~Buenos Aires~~ again. Love & best wishes from "Mamie"

Punta Arenas

P.S. Didn't sent the money order but cannot send any slip to you. It will come to you direct. Must be received in N.Y.

Sunday.

Dear Waeda,

This is a real surprize package isn't it?

Oh! dear! Of all times Sunday afternoons are worst. Grandma and I sit on the porch and never a soul comes nigh and she gets the fidgets and so do I.

Rudolf rayed me a surprize visit last night. Alice Burgesses husband brought him down from N.Y. in their car (ahem!) and he is here over to-day. Or eather he is at your mothers. And Hertwigs had finally come by to take Grandma out so when they brought her back Hertwig was too lazy to come up Alleghany so he made her walk up the Westmoreland hill and he was so busy carrying a big club for protection (tee! hee!) that he let her fall and she has a bad knee.

Well, Bryant and his boy came and they had no sooner left than Mr. & Mrs. Ewing + children came. Not such a lonely Sunday after all. Ewing refused to stay (the big stiff) but his wife and children did and I ~~entertained~~ a good supper and we had a very nice evening. Mrs. Ewing said she'd never come up because she heard me play at Mrs. Laddo and supposed I was a society lady and would have no use for her. What do you think of that? Didn't know anyone had such an exalted opinion of me.

With all these folks coming all the news I'd planned to write has gone out of my system. Everything is going along alright. Sister's last vaccination "took" but I'm afraid I'll never get her into kindergarden. Every one is prepared for a big fight.

This list of Steamer sailings that

the Star publishes every night is fine. It gives me all the in coming and out going steamers until Thursday. There is one going to Montevideo on Tuesday and another on Wednesday. Bryant sent the boxes on the "Southern Cross" which the paper says sailed to Rio on Saturday but he seemed to think that Steamer was going to Montevideo.

This isn't much of a letter but I've been writing much too often.

How about it?

I'm off to my nice white bed and there's no counting the hours either!

Had a terrible storm the other night. I vowed if I lived through it I'd leave town the next day — but I'm still here. alas!

I say good wishes from — yr loving wife

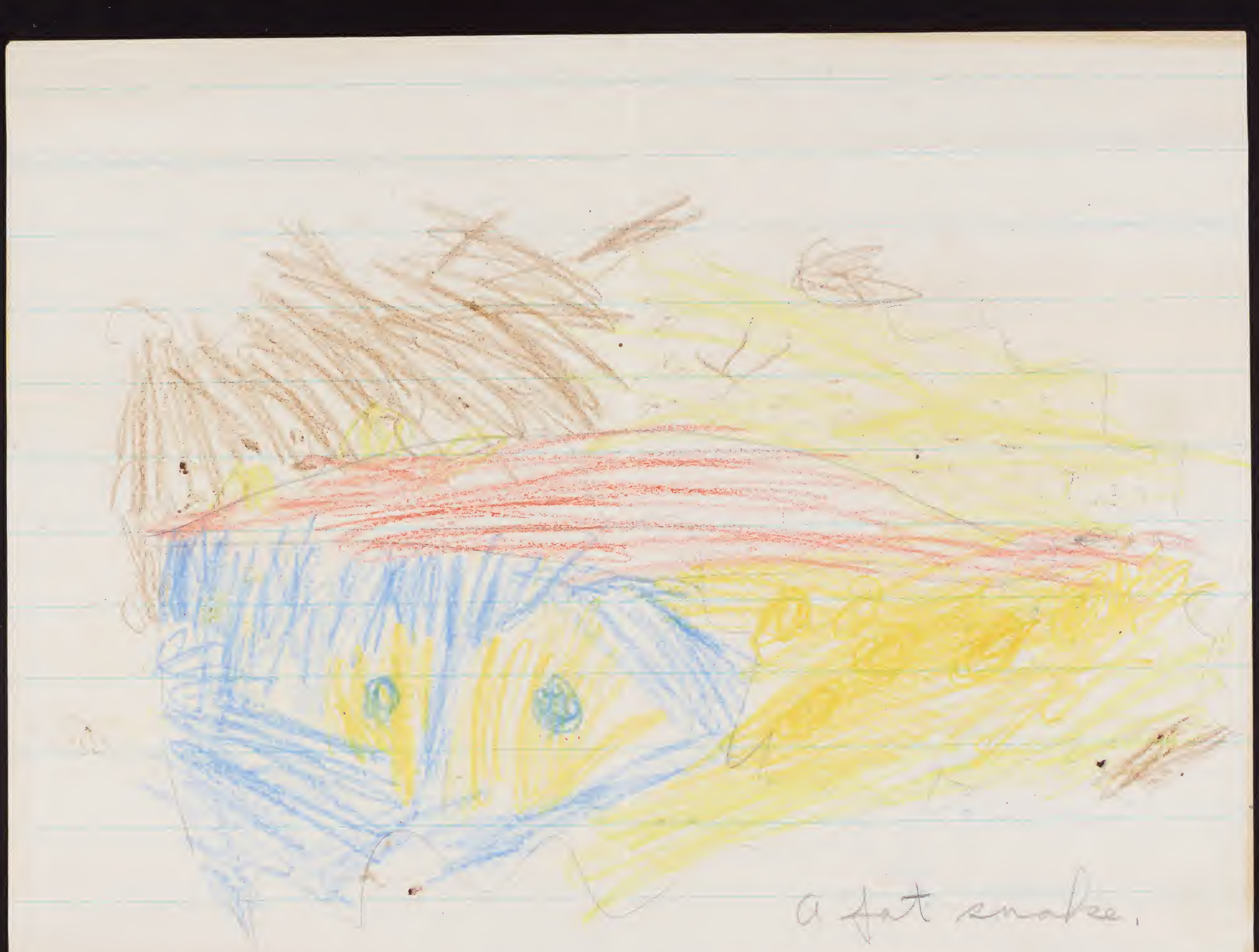
alma

Dear Daddy

Uncle Rudolf was here last night and had a fine time. Yesterday we went to north beach and I slept on a sack. Darius moved last Sunday. I helped them move. Mother made grape jelly. Today and Grandma made peach cobbler and it was very good.

Love from Ulalo.

Written without help.
except to spell Rudolf.



a fat snake.



Mother



Picture of Daddy by Bartram Schmitt

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Mr. Waldo L. Schmitt.
c/o American Consul,
Montevideo,

Uruguay.

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Waldo Schmitt
~~Highland Lane~~ Takoma Park,
Md.
~~Didn't forget fine~~ ~~you too~~
Remembered fine you love all

3.50

W. Schmitt
~~Highland Lane~~
Takoma Park, Md.
U. S. A.

Aug. 22, 1925.

Dear Waedo,

Just a short note to-day because I just read that a ship is sailing for Montevideo on Monday and I'll try to catch it.

I'm hoping to hear from you this next week but things look gloomy as there is no steamer coming from Rio up until Thursday anyway. I read that smallpox is raging in Rio. I wonder if you got into trouble on account of it.

We had our first snap of cold weather last night. Think of it! & the middle of August! I had to pull blankets out of the trunks. It went down to about fifty.

We all went to Keiths yesterday afternoon and enjoyed it a lot, and just wait until you hear my troubles. I bought the tickets early in the week and lost them on the way home. I phoned at once and they were

mighty nice about it and said to come down anyway. Well, the tickets were not returned to the office so they gave me seats in the rear until the end of the first act and then told me that two couples tried to use them but they did not admit them and then escorted me down to our seats. Pretty clever work.

Mrs. Austin had us down to her place one evening. Her house is a dream now.

Why do I never mention Grandma? Perhaps I dont want to write complaining letters. ——

Sisters hay fever is pretty bad now in spite of the fact that I oil her nose faithfully every night.

Mr. smarty Rowley asked to borrow your saw, level and plane. He said he'd return them the same day. A week has passed. What shall I do? I cautioned him to be careful of the plane.

Shes is ham + cabbage for dinner and gelatin. I dreamed about you and another woman! How about it? You indignant wife

alvina.

Aug. 12, 1925

Dear Waldo,

I know there's a ship sailing for Rio on Saturday so I'll just write a little letter to make it. This will be the last letter to Rio. The next I'll address to Montevideo.

We had planned a day at the beach to-day but it's raining so I've gotten the kids busy at making an indian village. The boy gets a number lesson every morning but oh! how he fusses!

This is a crazy looking letter. This ink is terrible. I'm going to throw the bottle away.

Will you be home soon? I'm going to start rolling on the floor. I weigh 162 pounds. But I <u>want</u> stops eating candy. The boy weighs 72 pounds.

Will you take me out to a Brazilian dinner to-night or are you taking some one else?

Bye bye Love from

Alma.

He acts like a lost soul without the Klansmen though he has visited them a number of times already.
The letter from Patsi came at last but he said that he couldn't help me, very sorry of course, and as for his biography— he had none. Thanks!!

Sister still fights shy of Grandma. The other night I took the boy to a movie and for the first time in her life she cried bitterly when I left. It was only six thirty and she said, "Oh! put me to bed but dont leave me with Grandma." Isn't that awful? Perhaps its ~~Physiology~~ Psychology She is so close to me that ~~poor~~ perhaps she unconsciously feels my feeling of resentment. I hope not. And she is always sorry afterward too. She told Grandma later, "I dont know what makes me so bad." And saucy, oh! my! When ever she acts contrary to my wishes she simply says "Well, I changed my mind."

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MRS WALDO SCHMITT
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MARYLAND

STUMMY BEST EVER THEN SOME YOU KIDS GRANDMA MOM THELMA
ETC HUM HOW HOPE YOU ALL WELL FINE LAZY

WALDO

All Forwarding Data to be Shown on this Side

came yesterday. Your mother insists that you have that operation in July. I guess you'd better do it.

I've made oodles of strawberry jam!

June 3

The heat is <u>terrible</u> today! The worst I can remember and that poor boy is on his way home from school. Oh! it's awful! None of us slept last night. It was unbearable.

Grandma writes that she is waiting for her pension which is due on June 4th and then will buy her

June 2 —

Dear Waldo,

It's a <u>hot hot</u> morning and the boy has just gotten off to school, on his birthday by the way! And before I forget it Sister said "Tell Daddy that brother is another age now." is another age now.

I've promised to meet him and take him down to get that cowboy suit and Mrs. Herring has invited us out there for supper. I'm not a bit satisfied with the boy.

His catarrah is worse again and he coughs too. And now he has trouble getting to sleep at night. I get him up early enough and then he sings and talks and carries on until noon ten o'clock every night. And then of course he's dopey in the morning. Well, perhaps he will have improved before this letter ever gets off. For one thing it's been beastly hot upstairs.

We've been getting along very nicely— Walton took no riding on Memorial day and want to take me to the graduation tomorrow night but I'd already invited the program committee up here for that evening. I think I've attended to all the payments and phone calls.

The Greenes came to call on Sunday afternoon but I had gone calling on the Hochbaums. I'm glad that I did go too. They have a fine place. A real bargain.

Still not a word from Grandma. Your two letters written on the train

of it and not a drop of
rain. Just to prove the
hot nights. I emptied
the ice pan at bed time
last night and this
morning it was over
flowing. So might I'll
have to fix the kids
on the porch. Believe it
or not it's so hot at
bed time upstairs that
you can burn your hand
by touching the iron bed
stead. all records are
broken here. John +
Minnie took us for a
fine drive last night.
The Park was so full of
picnic parties reading
ticket.

Blundons are going to
force Elmers to go to court
over that matter. And
~~Mable~~ Mabel Blundon
went over to Elmers and
called the Mrs. down in
terible fashion. Used
the worst kind of
language. Nice new
neighbors! They say
the whole of Eastern Ave.
is delighted to be getting
rid of them.
And to think of it! The
folks in Lohr's house are
the family that came
here two years ago to rent
this place for the summer!

She confessed it to me the other day.
The man is a chiropracter you know.
She's his second wife. The children are
not hers.

June 4

All I want to do is talk about the
heat! Really & truly we're just a bout
crazy! Absolutely no relief. I'd welcome
the worst kind of a thunder storm.
For the first week in June it's unheard
of. I know I shouldn't have sent the
boy to school to-day but it's awful to
have him at home too. He won't stay
out of the sun. The kitchen thermometer
registers 94 this minute. The insurance
man was just here and really he
fright ned me. He just sank into a
chair and didn't say a word. I brought
cold water to him and after a time
he felt better but I know he shouldn't
go right out into the sun again. I
wish I had the boy home again.
Where's that cool summer?

June 6 —

Still the same heat - one whole week

your Mother and Thelma got home last night. They had a very nice week and were lucky to be away from here.

Tuesday morn.

Well, the long looked for storm came at last and naturally it was a whopper. The worst hail storm I've ever seen hail stones the size of a pecan. My poor petunias were broken to pieces. Terrific lightning and the fire siren blew three times so I guess it struck several times. This all happened last night so I haven't heard any reports yet. One flash of lightning was awful. It cracked in the room like a shot and sister jumped up and yelled that she'd been struck in her stomach.

I hope I get a letter from Grandma to-day.

11th

Well, to-day this letter goes off. Grandma is coming tomorrow noon, and the temperature

dropped last night from
90 to 65. Crazy weather!
The Home + School Assn. have
made work for me again.
Suddenly decided to have a
party for the graduating class
and I had notices to get out
and some other work to do
too. The sparrows have
destroyed the wren's young
birds. The oceans of work
to do before tomorrow but
its fine and cool so here
I go. Lots of love from
the youngsters.
I'm mad at your mother.
She knows Grandma is coming
and yet said she's going to
Edis on Sunday. It'll be down
right embarrassing to have to
confess it to Grandma.

relief from the heat
that the cars were parked
side by side all through
the park. This morning
we went to the baby
party of the Mother's Club.
Looked to be a nice but
Mrs. McCandlish took
us and brought us home
so it wasn't so bad.

Monday morn.

It's still hot, Lord help us!
I brought a morning
paper and was much
chagrined as you no
doubt will be to see how
they got the picture and
article mixed up. Darn 'em!

Well, maybe they'll relent.
Let's hope so.

Miss Rathbun just called up - wanted to know how we're getting along.

Goodbye —

Sincere regards and good wishes and yours truly and affectionately and that's all —

Alvina.

She boy says he wants something alive but not a cock roach.

March 27. 1927

Dear Waldo,

I have received a number of letters and cards from you during your journey that should have been answered long ago, but for fear my letters would not reach you. I decided to answer them all on your return from your long and interesting trip. I met with quite a number of young Germans in the Deutsche Verein of S.F. that have been all over Central and South American countries on their travels, and most of them are looking for an opportunity

to get back again, since they like it down there so much better. Many of them are out of employment on account of a general business depression which they seem to think does not exist down there. I was much interested in hearing that you met a Stumm in Chile. I heard from a Club member whose Family had been on a visit to Germany (Saarbrücken) where the Stumm-Hallberg Family are well known, that they were financially ruined in the late war. The Stumms in Germany have always been very conservative and strong

with all it wishes to all from Agnes, and a good hug

from Dad

glad to hear Dick is getting along in business so well, but am very much in doubt about ever finding him a capitalist. He will have to change his methods of economy very much.

I am so glad that Erwin is getting along so well at College, and sincerely hope he keeps up the good work. I miss him very much, and am longing for your letters to your loved ones as much as they are. Knowing that your advice to Erwin will mean so much since he is so far away from me.

supporters of the Kaiser regime, and have ever looked down with contempt on any member of the family that emigrated to the U.S. That feeling is a great deal more bitter against the German-American since the war. Should you ever make a trip to Germany, you would find that the money you have is all that would interest them.

You express the hope that we do not get an offer for the ranch. It is hardly likely that we will. We could never get what it cost us so far and we have decided

not to give it away. A long distance farm development is never a paying enterprise. & Dot will take about three more years before the income will meet the cost of upkeep, not counting the interest on the money invested. However, I am longing for the time when we will be able to live on it. I have not been up to see it for a long time, I sort of dread the visit since Erwin is not there any more. You mentioned the John Kitchen Co. fire in your last letter, will tell you all about it.

On August 23, '26 the whole plant was wiped out by fire, and what was saved we moved to Fremont St. Much of the machinery was completely destroyed. The loft we now occupy is much smaller and too crowded. The company is now erecting a new building on the corner of Fremont & Natoma which we expect to occupy about Sept. 15/. I am still hanging on in my same position, which I hope will be my last at the bookbinding business, at which I have been now for 46 years.

Sunday, 27th March.

Dear Waldo

Everybody is terribly disappointed that you will not be back on the first of April as you at first intended, if you stay away much longer you will be gone a whole year. Alvina told me to tell you that she received your telegram right after she had written and sealed her letter to you and that she was too mad at the news it contained to open her letter again and mention it. I'm sorry you are encountering such cold weather down there but I suppose that is to be expected being so far south. Here the trees are all getting green and all the early flowers are in bloom.

Last Sunday Alvina drove us through Potomac Park to see the Cherry blossoms in full bloom around the Tidal Basin those around the Speedway are

not yet out. They were delayed by a cold spell that followed a week of the most gorgeous warm spring weather. Two weeks ago today it was so warm everybody was out on your grounds without wraps, Alvina, Thelma, Erwin and little Waldo playing base-ball and football.

Thursday Tante Helena and Alvina were here at my house for lunch. She showed me a card you had sent her, how in the world do you find time to write to everybody.

Tante Eda wrote that Wilma is at the hospital recuperating from an operation, she was always ailing and complaining so they insisted on an X ray and operation. I don't know what the trouble was she did not tell me.

Eda has become rather fond of Barbara since she saw her back on her last visit, she sent her material for three

nice little summer dresses. I suppose I will have to make them when I find time.
Eda talks of taking Wilma to Atlantic City when she is able to travel and then I suppose they will stop over at Wash. for a few days at least.
I can't say that I am anxious to see them they are so highbrowed and such swell dressers they make me feel uncomfortable.
We enjoy our Radio very much these days if we keep it supplied with good batteries it works fine.
I suppose you know that Erwin installed a new Radio with loud speaker, hope you can hear and enjoy it when you come back.
That Punta Arenas must be a God-forsaken place how can anyone want to live down there, those poor Consuls have to go where they are sent and I suppose the young and inexperien-

ced ones get sent to the town places.
Thelma attended five dances in February
besides a couple of card parties one of
which was in March; now this month
there doesnt seem to be so much going
on. The office has already given two
dances and one card party and gives
another in April and a dance in May.
Did I tell you that she has gotten another
small raise, entirely unexpected, so
that now she gets $1620. a year. Every
little bit helps.
She is again taking a few dancing les-
sons, one of the girls persuaded her to.
Alvina seems well and the kids are
fine and so are we.
Ned was in bed a week with the grip
and Joy home from school for three
or four days also sick and the baby
not very well and on top of all that
Helen that big elephant they had taking
care of things left them suddenly.
They are all well again and have an
Adventist girl now.
Hope to see you soon. Best love Mom.

ZIMMERMAN LITHO. CIN. O.

The SPAULDING

MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA

"The Gateway to the Dunes"

Saturday Jan. 8 th "

Dear Waldo

Christmas has been and gone once again and I hope it will be the last one you have to spend away from home. You were in all of our thoughts, we had a very nice time. Christmas dinner we all had at my house and the following day which was Sunday Joy had no all out for supper. Waldo was at home longer than usual from Thursday evening until the following Wed. morning. He gave all the children some nice presents, me a $10. check and Thelma money for a long mirror to hold on the

closet door. She has always
wanted one so that she can
get a full length view of
herself.
We called on Hugo and Alice
while he was here but
Alice was in bed and did
not see us her normal heart
trouble and the Dr. said
she must rest.
Three nights Rudolf took us to
the Movies at the corner —
it is so convenient and one
night he went with the
ma to a dance at the
Womens City Club.
Our Apt. House has again been
burglarized, four Apts were bro-
ken into, doors jimmied,
two on the third floor and
two on the fourth, one of them
right next to me. They

ZIMMERMAN LITHO. CIN. O.

The SPAULDING
MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA
"The Gateway to the Dunes"

ring the bells downstairs to find out whether the folks are at home fortunately I was in it was between eleven and twelve in the forenoon.

Think of the nerve of those fellows and how they get away with it carrying all that loot through the halls and down the stairs.

It was just before Christmas and besides taking all the wearing apparel, the woman's in one apt. and the man's in another they took all the Christmas presents the folks had wrapped for delivery on Christmas day.

Everybody or at least a number of the folks have put burglar proof locks on their doors and so have I at $6.50 but if they break the whole door jamb as they did next door the lock wont be much protection.
I heard the racket next door but it sounded as though some one were thumping a heavy trunk down on the floor not like breaking a door.
I thought once of looking out but then I said it is none of my business and I hate to appear nosey. I might have scared them off and then again they might have knocked me over the head and ransacked my apt.

ZIMMERMAN LITHO. CIN.O.

The SPAULDING

MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA
"The Gateway to the Dunes"

Ed's baby is walking all over and has eight teeth and. Ted is larger and fatter than ever he is two or three inches above the average ~~age~~ for height for his age and twenty lbs heavier.

Has Alvina written you about Vera she must be seriously ill—not in bed—but no one knows what ails and we don't seem able to find out.

It really is heartrending to see such a fine girl waste away that way.

You of course know that she looked very badly when she was here last Christmas and even worse when we saw her in May on our trip to Boston.

Rudolf had dinner with her
just before coming down and
he said he could scarcely keep
from crying when he saw
her it was a distinct shock
and he could scarcely look
at her. She has gotten awfully
thin and has such an un-
natural look her whole eyes
not only the eyeballs but the
whole eyesocket seems to be
protruding.
We feel dreadfully about it
but there isn't anything we
can do.
Rudolf said he didn't have
the opportunity to find out
anything.
We asked Lasalle but he either
doesn't know or won't say, he
seemed very reticent.
Just received your Christmas card.
Many thanks glad to hear from you.
Keep well and don't starve yourself.
Best wishes and lots of love Mom.

ZIMMERMAN LITHO. CIN.O.

The SPAULDING
MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA
"The Gateway to the Dunes"

Sunday, Dec. 5th

Dear Waldo

Received your nice letter and mighty glad we were to get it, we cellainly do not expect you to write back of us a letter as long as you are. We are having our first snow today or rather hail but it is so thick on the ground it looks just like snow.

Edwin and your Kids are out with their sleds having a great time. It is quite a new experience for Edwin. We did not go out today the weather was so disagreeable I did not care to go way out there and did not want Alvina to bring the car down here to

get no.
Alvina is getting along nicely but I think she marries about Erwin occassionally he does not always do or act as she thinks he ought.
I do not yet know whether Rudolf is coming home for Christmas, finally I got a letter from him but he was very indefinite. He spends every week end with Florence in Westwood N.J. where they live. Her mother invited me for Christmas or New Year but of course I can't go. Dire no money, in fact I don't care to go.
I am feeling fine now but last April - I never told anyone this - I had a headache for three week, day and night, head felt numb already and vision somewhat blurred. I did not care to go back to Dr. Falkman as she

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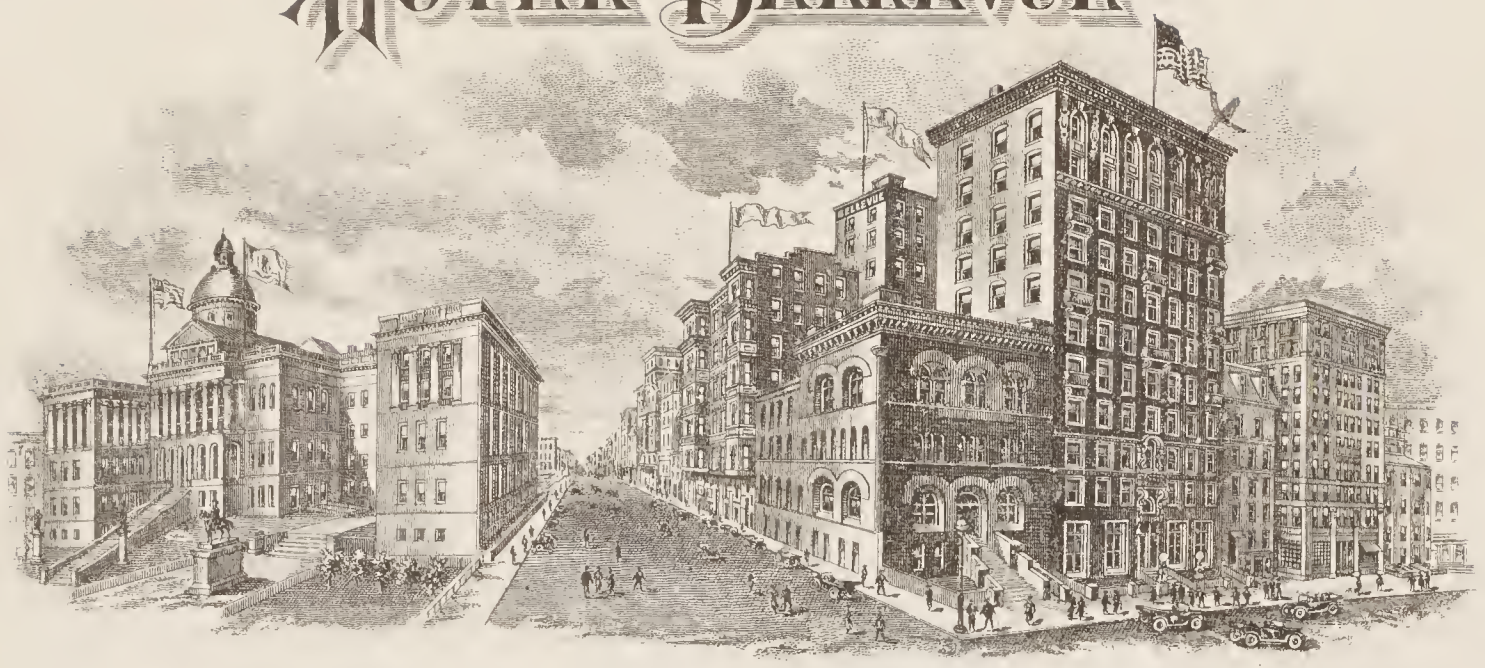
had said if you get cured with her treatments you stay* cured. and as that was not my case I lost faith, never had very much.

So I went to Dr. Behrend in our neighborhood, he is the one that examined U. Spier and told him that he has pernicious anemia and Aunt Alice said of him he is one of the best diagnosticians in the city.

He found my bloodpressure to be 180 and told me that my heart is weak and that if I put any undue strain on it it is apt to give out on me some day, forbade me to sweep or do anything strenuous and

gave me some drops some iodine preparation to take 20 drops three times a day.
Ive been going to him once a month since April the drops were gradually diminished and Ot. did not take any at all to see how the blood pressure would be then, it went down to 130 and stayed there even without medicine.
Went to see him the last time in Nov. and he told me I could do anything I wanted but not to overdo it and that I had a good many years to go yet but should come in once in a while.
You see its the hight blood pressure that causes the weak heart.
Ive had to cut out meat altogether.

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Excuse the scrappy paper I did not want to use the small colored sheets of paper that we have. This is the hotel at which we stayed while in Boston.

Ed's baby is almost ready to walk had seven teeth the last time I saw him two weeks ago, he is a sturdy little fellow.

Our Apt. is a little more comfortable this winter than it has been in the past, every body kicked so about the insufficient heat and threatened to move they

he just had to do something a-
bout it, there are too many
vacant apts in town at present
they can't be so independent
any more. But Mrs. Holbrook
who lives in the Apt. is fuo-
sing about the lot of coal that
she has to buy.
I wonder if you have already
gotten your Christmas box,
me really didn't know what
y to send you. Hope you'll
enjoy it.
Heres to a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year, hope you
won't feel too lonesome, we'll
be thinking of you.
Take good care of yourself.
Lots of love from Mom.

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Nov. 17th 1926.

Dear Waldo I Eda always sends a few extra sheets when she writes hence this paper. Sure been reading your very interesting diary, how you have the time and energy to write so much is beyond my understanding. Received your postals, you mention getting a letter from Thelma but don't say anything about one from me I wrote you one at the same time, did you get it? Haven't heard from Rudolf for months don't know whether he is coming home for Christmas or not, I shan't ask him, I think he has forgotten that he has a mother!

Miss Stine has been rather de-
cent to us this fall she has
papered the hall, the bedroom
(taken down that unsightly
plate rail) and the bathroom
also given us new shades
in the living room.
I am going to put in a little
piece of each so that you
can see what it looks like
it is all in tan except the
bath harmonizes well and
looks fine in connection with
the living room which is
as you remember also in
tan.
The plain paper is in the hall
and the figured in the bed-
room, the mottled paper with
the little duckies is in the
bath.
We done a lot of hard work
to get every clean and in order
but now it looks nice

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When Miss Stine was in here the last time she noticed that bookcase in front of the connecting door and told me it should not be there. So we have moved it to the upper part of the hall though it does not look as well there, then we put the Victrola in the living room in place of the desk which we put in front of that door.

With a blue rayon curtain in front of it and a vase on the desk with a yellow chrysanthemum looks very spiffy

Then I have also bought rose colored crepe de

for the bedroom, a little white curtain with a pink ruffle in the bathroom and one with a blue ruffle in the Kitchen, now I still want new oilcloth on the floor and new mats in the bathroom and then I'll be all fixed.

Alvina I suppose writes you all the news and also told you about the nice trip to Gettysburg, unfortunately it rained and we couldn't see anything of the beautiful view one has from there.

The time for trips is about over now though for the last few days were had lovely Indian summer weather. But before that we had a good cold spell.

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A couple of Sundays ago Thel-
ma and Emin went on an
excursion to Phil. to see the
Exposition but they did not
seem very enthusiastic a-
bout it, some of the build-
ings were closed and as
a whole it can't compare
to any of the former exposi-
tions.

T. Eda was here on a five day
visit the early part of Oct.
she took quite a fancy to
Barbara who was spending
the day with me while El-
ma and Waldo were at
the Seguin.

This morning a package ar-
rived and it was a present
for Barbara a little red

leather Boston bag full of novel-
ty candies. Baldua was de-
lighted.
Thelma and Michael are at a
card party tonight the office
is giving, a couple of weeks
ago they gave a dance to
which she took Erwin.
It was a costume dance and
she wore her gypsy costume.
Everybody is well and going
through the same old routine
of living.
I am feeling fine and look
well. Weight thin.
Hope you are keeping fit
and not working too hard.
Perhaps I should say Merry
Christmas and Happy New
Year, don't know when this
will reach you.
The best of love and lots of it,
from Mom.

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Oct. 14—1925.

Dear Waldo I have been neglect-
ing to write lately, one hardly
knows where you are and
whether the letters reach you.
I have read all of yours in-
teresting diary, how in the
world do you ever find time
to write it. According to
what Alvina tells us you are
losing a lot of sleep going
to bed late and getting up
early don't do it you'll get
all run down.
Its too bad you are having

so many delays and disappointments, I hope it will be better from now on.
I went on a four day auto ride with Ed. and Jay the second week in Sept. Mrs Marston was also in the party, it was a wonderful trip and I enjoyed it immensely. We went through Knoxville saw Hendels house and had a lovely view of the Gap then on to Hanpes Ferry, through Berryville which is a little town near Castleman's Ferry, Va. Jackson where we got off the train to go to

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Bryce's, Jefferson and a num-
ber of other small towns
and on to Winchester and
then to Newmarket where
we spent the night.
Beautiful scenery on the
way, the next morning
early we were off for the
Caverns visited Luray and
the Endless Caverns, they
are perfectly marvellous
and I think every Amer-
ican should see them
that took us all of one
day and we were back

at Newmarket for the night.
The next day we were off
again through a gap in
the mountains over the
Lee Highway. the road just
winds and curves around
the mountains giving
glimpses of lovely views.
Our destination that day
was the Natural Bridge
in Va. it is a natural
wonder allright of stupen-
dous height and size one
doesn't realize it until
you stand under it.
Then on to Staunton where
we saw Wilsons birthplace,

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made a side trip to Mon-
ticello, Jefferson's home
and then went to Char-
lotsville, saw the Univer-
sity of Virginia and the
U. V. A. beautiful buil-
dings and campus, all
in Colonial style. and
then home over Frede-
icksburg, rode & rigbt by
Mammy's house, it look-
ed deserted.
All our meals with the
exception of a couple of
dinners we had picnic

style, we'd buy our supplies in the towns and stop at some pretty spot along the road light the little Alcohol stove (Sterno) and get our meals.
I just felt fine when I got back.
Thelma was left behind there was no room for her in the car besides she could not get leave, staid with Alvina a couple of nights.
Uncle Will with Aunt Eda and Anita were in W. a couple of days on their

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way home from the Hotel
Menu Convention in Atlan
tic City also stopped in
Philadelphia and N.
Y. had dinner with Ru.
dolf.
Anita is a swell society
lady much too grand
for us simple folks,
she wouldn't even come
here one evening with
her parents to see Thelma.
I had them for lunch
one day but of course
Thelma was at the office.

I am finally getting my
living room papered and
my kitchen painted, its
about time, but we are
allowed only the cheapest
kind of paper, it will
at least be clean.
Well, Bus it will be good
to see you again though
I guess that is still a long
way off.
Every body is well here and
hope you are too.
Lots of love and kisses
from Thelma
and Mamma.

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Monday.

Dear Bro:

I suppose you've heard from Alvina that that first batch of mail has finally arrived and I was hoping that I would get a word from you along with it. Of course it may have gotten lost and I know you are very busy and writing such a comprehensive diary takes a lot of time. I've read the first package but have not yet seen the second. You are having a lot of rather interesting experiences but am sorry you have to lose so much time every

where.
Ed. and Joy are taking an
auto trip of three or four
days and have asked me
to go along, are also taking
Joys mother.
Will go through Harpers Ferry,
Luray and Shenandoah
Caverns and surrounding
country and come back
over Fredericksburg, make
sort of a round trip.
Thelma is not going, there
isn't room, besides she can't
get off from the office.
Will spend the nights with
Alvina while I am away.
The man that was here last

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new at Mrs Mandy's card party has taken her to a couple of roof garden dances one at the Powhattan Hotel and the other at the Arlington.
Has also been here one evening to play bridge and wants to go to Potomac Park Sunday morning to practice Tennis.
The salesman we bought the Victrola of has taken a fancy to Thelma, he has been here several times and taken her for a long ride in his car a Durant Sedan, he is a modest, decent little

fellow by the name of Babb.
The first time he asked
me to go along and we
had a lovely claire all
through Rock Creek Park.
I am feeling quite well
now but don't think I have
gained much.
Thelma is going to be in an-
other little play at the Women's
City Club some time in Oct.,
it is a comedy written by
Caleb O'Connor.
Well that is about all the
news I have.
Hope you are making good
progress in your work.
Lots of love and kisses
from Thelma & Mamma.



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Sept. 2.

Dear Waldo

Today was such a beautiful day I took a walk in the Zoo and had my first view of the baby tigers, I would'nt mind having one of them for a pet. No one here had a word from you as yet and we are all rather anxious, hope you are well, read that there is small pox in Pio, but of course you are out of that place by now.

I think I told you of a card party that Thelma was in

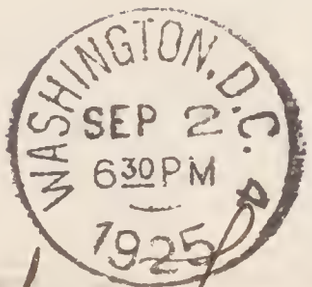
viled to by Mrs. Manly, the es-
cort she had came around
some days later and took her
to the Manhattan roof garden
to dance and was there
Monday to play bridge.
He's nothing on looks but
pleasant and a real good talker
and every bit as old as Rudolf
possibly from age, his hair is
getting thin and his name
is Mr. Nat. He's a friend of
Mr. Manly's. Thelma always
seems to get the lemons.
Did I write you that J. Eda
is coming to the Hotel Mens
Convention in Atlantic City
on the 21st of Sept. with H.
Hall, she will also visit

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N. Y., Philadelphia and Washington possibly stay here some little time and maybe go to Florida if A. Woll can be spared from the Hall that long.

August weather has been delightful, days not too hot and nights pleasantly cool. How is it where you are now? Went to the National and saw "Kiki" last week made famous by Lenore Ulric. It was played by the National Stock Company with Leonila Lane in the chief role

a very good little address.
Was at my Dr. for the last time
on Friday, she has gone on a
vacation and for study to
Detroit. She had a final test
made of the Kidneys and the
report came back perfect so
I suppose that is alright, but
I am still loosing weight.
She has changed my diet I
can now have lamb chops,
chicken, and an egg every other
day also more cream and
should eat generously of dates,
peanut butter, olives, also
olive oil to gain a little weight
She says alligator pears are also
fattening. I don't care for them.
I feel pretty well but not as
strong as I used to.
Lets hear from you soon.
Lovingly mom.







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Aug. 23 - Oct 11, 1925.

Dear Waldo

I suppose I'll have to write you a little note though there is no news to tell. Oh! yes there is I forgot one thing, Ned is to have a little sister by Christmas at least they hope it will be a sister. So that will put a stop to Joy's teaching.

I also had a note from Miss Stine saying my rent would remain the same and if I wished to continue in the apt. to sign a lease.

I replied that before I sign
any lease I want to know
what they intend to do in
regard to repairs, so she came
up one day and looked
around and said she thought
they could paper the living
room and paint the kitchen.
She also said to me "I don't
think you appreciate what
we left you rent the same."
She is right, haven't I paid a
$20. increase over my origi-
nal rent three years before
the others.
Did I tell you in my last
letter that Mrs. Mabley of
the Womens City Club invi-

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led Thelma to a card party at her house and sent her an escort. She had a very nice time and made quite a good score in bridge. Bought herself a very pretty orchid georgette dress for the occasion.

Her escort a Mr. McNab from Chicago called her up last night and wants to take her out on Thursday.

Saturday evening we went to see Tante Julie she seemed real cheerful ex-

cept at times. She said you had been awfully nice to her and she just loves you. I have asked her and Stella to lunch on Thursday. Today which is Tuesday I had Alvina, grandma and the children for lunch and gave them a concert on the Victrola. We still have no records of our own but one of the ladies at the office who has sold hers lent Thelma a book of her records, a rather nice selection.

How are you? still well and busy? Good night and good bye till next time. Lots of love & Kisses from
Mom & Thelma.

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Wednesday 5-th

Dear Waldo

Yesterday I took Mrs. Blizzard and Mary out to your place, she thinks its just fine, she likes the house and the big grounds, she thinks it just grand for the children to play in and envies your children their healthy look. I think the boy had improved since his tonsils and adenoids are out.

We got back from Atlantic City Sunday night had rather a pleasant stay nice weather all but one day when it rained. Thelma had her bathing suit stolen which rather spoiled the trip for

here.
You must go to Atlantic City
some day, its a sight worth
seeing, such immense crowds
one continuous stream up
and down the boardwalk
until midnight. I never
saw so many fat women
in my life and almost
every child person is a Jew.
the place is lousy with them.
Sunday was a glorious
day the ocean rather calm
and the beach and water
thick with humanity.
So many excursions go
there on Sunday and not-
a few of them are darkeys.
On the different Piers you
can hear concerts see Van-
deville and Minstrel shows
also Movies and dancing
all for 50¢ admission at
night 25¢ in the daytime.

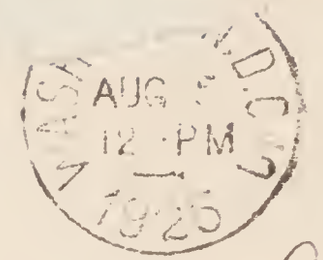
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To far we havit bought any records for our Victrola as we had no money, needed it all for our trip to Atlantic City but one of the ladies in Thelmas office who has got ten rid of her instrument loaned Thelma a whole book of records to keep as long as she likes.

Rudolf did not come to see us at the Seashore send a telegram on Saturday saying he had a case to prepare for Monday that meant several thousand dol. to him if he could get it, but thought he would come to N. Y.

weeks later.
Had a letter from T. Eda.
Uncle Will is still under
the weather but getting bet-
ter, they expect to attend
the Hotel Mens Convention
in Atlantic City the 21st
of Sept. and will also
visit N.Y., Philadelphia
and Wash. possibly spend
some time here.
There is really nothing new
to write about.
Take good care of yourself.
The best of love from
Thelma and Mamma.





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Dear Waldo

Had a little note from Rudolf and following is a list of things he thinks you ought to take along: 50 or 100 2 grain quinine tablets (not coated or capsules just the sour quinine pill).
Some potassium permanganate.
Some good cathartic pills (cascara sagrada).
Scissors, scalpel, bandage, absorbent cotton, adhesive tape, and maybe a little antiseptic powder like borated talcum or boric acid.
Perhaps you can get all

those things where you are going and needn't bother with taking them.

He also sent me a check and told me to blow it in on a new bonnet, silk hose or a shingle bob.

Good bye. Bus and the best of luck.

Mom.





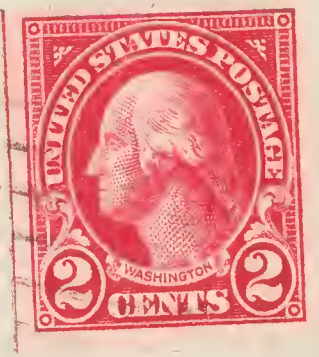
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vacation seeing shows.
Suppose Mom writes the
news from home x

Today has been one of the
hottest & most humid days
of the summer so I'm minus
Zero on writing a letter. I'll
try and write you again and
to better purpose. As you know
I visited Mom & Thelma and we
went out to see Alvina & the kids
Sunday evening. Little Waldo is
surely a big fellow and Barbara
is as pretty as a picture. No wonder
you didn't want to leave home. I
liked Grandmother too. I gave
Alvina all the news of your de-
parture. I didn't see anyone else
as I was there only 1½ days. Drove
down in Burgess machine. Love from Puder.

P.S. Take good care
of yourself.
Puder

HARVARD CLUB
27 WEST 44TH STREET

Friday
Sep. 11/25.

Dear Bus:-

Well by this
time you are an experienced South American
traveler and there's nothing
I can tell you that you haven't
found out yourself x I
hope that you are doing
even better than you expected.
Mamma will probably let
me know the news from
Alvina about your trip.

Be sure and keep a good diary of the trip as well as a fine picture record from which you can lecture as you will find it a big asset in building up a reputation and consequent income and opportunity for advancement in the scientific world.

Bet you haven't seen any emus yet! Did the frogs get to Rio in good health?

Have just had a swim and dinner at the Club with one of the boys from the office

Labor Day week end I spent with a party of friends at Asbury Park and expect I may spend a week end at Atlantic City next week.

"V" & Walt continue to send me fine picture postals of their travels in Europe. Now in Austria but will be home in October x

Neither of my two big cases have broken yet but I'm still hoping one of them will x Norman Meisenheltzer was up here for a few days

Monday, January 17.

Dear Buster,

It is really remarkable how you manage to write such a wonderful diary. Everyone is taking such a keen interest in all of your experiences.

Thank you very much for the nice Panama hat, I am planning to sport it this summer.

Pudie came home early this X mas and stayed longer too. There was a X mas dance at the Women's City club on Thursday evening, the 23d and Erwin asked Phyllis Robinson's youngest sister Winifred, as I wrote Rudolf and asked him to make a special effort to come and take me which he did. The next day was Friday, X mas eve, and we put up + decorated the pretty tree Waldo Jr. had cut for us. After that we went to a movie to see one of Zane Grey's western stories and that evening we had our celebration. On X mas day, which was dark + rainy, all your folks came for dinner and we had a good time. In the center of the table was a big cake that Rad white frosting with red roses + merry X mas on it that Aunt Eda Rad sent. Sister and Waldo spoke the piece they were to give in their Sunday School entertainment that evening. We all missed you and hoped you were having a nice time. After the folks left we went to another movie this time a comedy of Irish + Hebrew life. Sunday the day after, we went to your house + La Salle + Louise came for awhile too and Erwin + I danced the Charleston for them. They have bought a large tract of land way up on the other side of the Potomac. Sara Walt + Brenda did not come down this year because they are so busy getting ready for an exhibit

of his paintings. Ruder says Sara looks terrible- just awful - but he doesn't know what is wrong. That evening Alvina took us over to Ed + Joy's where we had all been invited to supper. The baby is starting to walk now.

As I had been after X mas last year, I took before this year, to shop, wrap, write + mail, so I had to go back to work Monday. Mama + Ruder went to the zoo to see the new giraffes. Believe it or not, but that evening we again went to a movie! Saw Colleen Moore in Twinkletoes. Mama likes her. Tuesday, Mama + Ruder called on Dolly + Louise and that night we called on Uncle Hugo + Aunt Alice but she was not well so Ruder has never seen her yet. The next morning he left. During the time he was here almost a week, he sang praises of Florence. He had a nice big picture of her to show us.

Minnie dropped by before X mas to leave some grape juice that she + John had made, a bottle for Alvina + one for us. Wasn't that nice? Ruder brought a fruit cake, his boss having given each man one, so we felt well taken care of.

Spent a very quiet old year out + new year in - didn't go anyplace + didn't do anything. New years day we had Ed + Joy to dinner, after they went to a movie - a very funny comedy - "Were in the Navy Now" + took me + Ted while Mama minded the baby. I made Mama go later on to see it.

On the 2nd of Jan. all of us + the Walton's went out toward Great Falls + built a bonfire + cooked hot dogs. Sounds crazy at that time of the year, doesn't it? Now it is so cold

people are going ice-skating, tho so far it has been a snowless winter. Last Sunday mama wouldn't venture out so your folks came here to supper and I asked Erwin to our next city club dance Thursday.

One of the men in the next wing in the blue building where I work took me to a dance at the L'Aiglon last month, to one at the Mayflower Hotel last week and invited me to one at the Willard Hotel next month. Isn't that nice? Poor fellow lost his right eye in the war, tho it is hardly noticeable.

Brenda wrote me a nice letter in return for a handkerchief I sent her Xmas, she is awarding raising canaries!

Alice Fowler came home with her little daughter to visit her mother + Mabel Hubbard wrote me she has adopted a baby boy just a month old! a girl who worked in the office with me, the one with whom I went to New York on an excursion once, married a widower with a couple of children and she now has one of her own and she invited me to come up there to visit her. So I may plan a trip to New York some time next season. She married an artist but they seem to be well off.

Keep well and don't stay away too long.

Love.

Thelma.

D. 17. Dec. 1926. W. D. C.

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Thank you for your card and we think of you up here. It's not much winter so far. Will you soon come home. Ein glückliches neues Jahr für Dich Lieber Waldo! Viele Liebe Grüße Helene.



BEST WISHES
FOR A
VERY HAPPY
CHRISTMAS

WOMEN'S CITY CLUB
22 Jackson Place
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Monday. Dec. 6.

Dear Buster

The last time I wrote we were at Chevy Chase while Ed + Joy were away I remember how your folks came after us to go to your place for ice cream and cake on Erwin's birthday and going over he was given to take us a new short route thru Rock Creek Park and we got all mixed up in the roads. It turned out to be the longest short route I ever traveled, but coming home he proved he did know a short cut. Erwin received wearing apparel from everyone. I gave him a blue tie with black + white figures in it. Ed + Joy came home the end of that week because school started the 20th of Sept and Joy wanted to get established. She got in the Emory 2 short years I went for a while then we lived on Fla. Ave. had a registered letter too. They still have that enormous white woman. She comes every morning + goes home at night - staying overnight on Fridays till Saturday at noon and returning again Monday morning. The lady seems to thrive.

Barbara had a birthday too, later on.

We gave her a handkerchief and some perfume which she used lavishly. One day Alma + Waldo + wife Ruth Walton and her two adopted boys went to the exposition at Philadelphia and we had Barbara all day. It happened to be the very day Aunt Eda + Uncle Will came to town for a short visit. First time they really got to know her and they thought she was darling. Aunt Eda even sent her some candy when she got home. They stayed at Wardman Park Hotel and had mama and me for dinner one night at a lovely place. They just stayed a few days.

We had lots of nice weather so Alma + her family took mama + me for some nice trips. One Sunday we drove to Leesburg to the lily farm but it was too late in the season to see many blooms. Also drove to Mt. Vernon even tho we knew the grounds would be closed on Sunday. Another Sunday we went to Gettysburg with the Waltons. It was foggy + wet + rainy when we got there so we didn't get the fine view one should. Came back by way of Baltimore and passed thru a cloud burst. I am sure glad to wash. It was my first all day ride but we enjoyed it immensely despite the weather.

In October the affairs started at the Women's City Club. First we had a dance to which both Erwin + Ethel came. Then the club gave a dinner to which all club members who are interested in sports were asked to attend and I went to that. Various sections were

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organized for the different activities. I joined the tennis group & we play every nice Sunday morning. Also joined the bowling group and we bowl every monday night up at the Riggs Bank Bldg. at 14th & Monroe. Tuesdays they still have tea & essay and lecture hour at the club for the members and I go there occasionally. And on Wednesday I joined another group but I am not going to tell anyone about it as until it is all over. Golfing, hiking, gymnasium & horseback riding I turned down.

Next came the play. I took mama and Erwin to that too. It was real funny - all about english servants who were to be given a treat to the theater by their employers. The servants had such a row as to what they would see how they would be seated and when they wound up that it ended by them all resigning. I looked a sight with hair awry, torn apron dress hanging crooked and shoes too big. It was also a success. We had to repeat it 2 weeks later.

After that my time was a dance at the Roosevelt and I took Erwin again. It was a costume affair so I wore my gypsy dress, the one I wore in Cherry Blossom Time that year at the National for a week, but Erwin wouldn't dress up.

Later the club gave a card party and I took a table & invited Alma & Erwin but couldn't get another man so Alma brought Miss. Lancaster.

Erwin took me to his first [illegible] but the people didn't seem very cordial or friendly.

I took a week's leave from the office while we had scraping and [illegible] going on here. We worked hard waxing all the floors and hanging some new curtains + now it all looks real nice. In the same week I went to the dentist + had my last perfectly good wisdom extracted for the 2 [illegible] preventive dentistry. One of the days Alvina brought Santa Helena down for lunch + I took Barbara to a cute marionette show at the Fairyland-rest of Stamps. Haven't seen many shows this season. Don't know what's on Broadway then all your folks come here to surprise Erwin Wood's all handy. mama + I went to a ladies home + food show in the auditorium + came home with lots of [illegible] + stuff.

Erwin + I went to the exposition at Dallas on a [illegible] expedition but didn't turn much by it because it was an employee's entertainment. He treated me to [illegible] + bought me a magazine. The show was $3.50 each + well [illegible].

My office also gave a card party another night - myself - nothing up a table but she couldn't play bridge) invited Erwin but he said he didn't like to play 5 or 6 asked me instead. Ida [illegible] one of us to play tennis with you + Alvina, met him at a card party last night at the club - the next club affair was a dance the day before [illegible] of which I was

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asked to take charge - which means engaging the music, arranging for refreshments, typing tickets + circulating them + each year a solo dance. Both Ida + Alma + Erwin went out on the records with me to get prize tickets to put behind the lights on the walls as decoration. Mama made me a new white crepe chiffon dress. 35 altogether came + we cleared $11. So even at 50 cents a count it was a success. I cracked Erwin for myself + got me. We had to locate a girl she wanted to come but Ida and Alma each.

Each time Erwin goes out with me, we have him to dinner because he goes to school every night + doesn't have time to go home + afterwards it is so late that the cars have stopped running to your place so we always have him stay overnight too.

The next day was Thanksgiving + Alma gave us a most sumptuous repast with Father and all the trimmings of pumpkin pie and Erwin furnished candy, after which we went to the movies.

After Thanksgiving comes Xmas + the days are surely rushing past. I have some loans before Xmas to get presents. We sent yours in Alma's box.

Yesterday we had our first real wintery weather - the whole ground was covered with sleet. Alma invited us out so I could go sleighing with the young ones but Mama didn't want to go.

Randolph wrote he won a 14 lb turkey + a $35. cash prize for selling the most

policies between Nov. 1 & 24. She turkey he gave to his girl's people when he spent Thanksgiving.

Take care & yourself & keep well. Wish you could be here for X mas.

Love.

Thelma.

Am enclosing a program & 2 articles from the paper I thought you might want to read.

Montevideo Junio 18/927

Sr.
Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt.
Washington.

Distinguido Señor:

Le remito los datos solicitados por Ud. cuando estuvo en Montevideo y tambien un mapa de la region del Chaco.

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A la espera de sus gratas noticias, lo saluda afectuosamente S. S.

Federico Schweizer

Washington. D.C.
March 28 1927.

Dear Waldo—

I am sending this letter to Buenos Aires in the hope that you will get it on your arrival there on your way home. Everything here is moving along as usual and there is nothing of any great importance on hand just now. The Smithsonian conference came off without any hitch and everything seemed to work very smoothly. To date I have not heard of any large bequests coming in. The Secretary's death just at that time was most unfortunate. He may have been able to put it across with a little more force that Abbot. But the Secretary was a very sick man for sometime before his death so he probably could not have taken an active part anyway. Everyone now of course is wondering who the next Boss will

be. I have heard several names mentioned, none of whom, so far as I can see, have much show. Bartsch, Wetmore, and Clark have all been mentioned as possibilities. Clark told me himself that he was trying for it. He did not say so in so many words, but he said that several persons had sent in his name with their endorcement, and he told me what several Bureau heads had said in his behalf. I have heard it also from several entirely different sources and I have every reason to believe that he is putting every effort toward it. Wetmore on the other hand does not seem to be interested as he has gone to Haiti and will be gone sometime I understand.

It seems that every time I write to you I have to convey some bad news.

This time it is the death of Dr. Dall who had been in the hospital for some time, first with pneumonia and then with complications. He was 82 so could not pull through. Dies yesterday about 1 o'clock.

Dr. C.C. Nutting also died about a month ago, but I can not remember whether I told you or not. We have not heard any particulars in regard to the cause. He sent in his paper on the Philippine Hydroids sometime ago. It was in very bad shape, but Miss R. and I tried to polish it up a bit. When the proof came out it was of course sent to him and he returned it as being corrected and ready for printing. Fortunately Dr. Benjamin sent it to us for perusal, for it was in dreadful shape. The only conclusion that Miss R. and I can come to is that he really was not able to attend to it. It has now been returned to Benjamin and it is to be hoped that nothing

very astonishing will appear in it.

Mr. Bryant this morning told me of the cablegram that he received from you, to the effect that you were marooned as it were on the Falklands. Well, my only hope is that you have good comfortable quarters and plenty of collecting materials with you - in which case we will & hope for a complete haul of the fauna of the Islands. The shipment from San Fernandez came OK and I was very much pleased with the amphipod catch - Hope you will do as well at the Falklands. Stebbing worked up the Falkland amphipods so they should not be so difficult.

Sat in recently a nice lot of crustacea from Hugh Smith - some beautiful big Stomatopods amongst them, and a fine lot of shrimps. I am sorry that the shrimps have not been acting up well

in your collecting, but hope they have been doing better recently.

I do hope everything has been going all right with you, and that you are taking good care of yourself. We were quite worried about you for a while as there was such a long interval without any news. In the last batch of mail from you Washington was the only one in the pics honored, but we all read his postal dated Feb. 12 and knew you were OK up to that time, which was our main concern.

Mrs. Schmitt drops in on us occasionally when she has any news or a ~~batch~~ batch of manuscript, and I will just say (on the QT) that we have fixed it up so that you will not get away from us again in a hurry, so you had better stay as long as you can this time and clean up South America once and

for all, La! La!

We are all quite well and are plugging away, holding things down. Even Washington has been pretty well this winter and so far has only one day sick leave (I have just touched wood).

Miss Rathbun is OK and is turning out a lot of work as usual. Wonderful woman!

Dr. Kellers gave us a hurry call the other day. He had, on very short notice, been ordered to Nicaragua. He took a couple of tourists with him and wants later to have us send him a collecting chest. He was very much disappointed that he could not go to Alaska as he had expected. Things from Nic., however, I think would be of more interest to us. Looked just the same as usual and is full of enthusiasm.

We are looking forward to seeing

the last enstallment of your diary which I hope Mrs. S. will soon bring to us.

It has been pretty cold and raw here for the past two week and I am looking to next month for a little pleasant weather.

Well I can think of no more news so will close wishing you lots of luck and pleasant experiences.

Hoping that you are taking good care of yourself, I am

Yours

Clarence.

Washington DC
Jan. 27. 1927.

Dear Waldo -

Just a few words to let you know that everything is moving along all right here - at least as right as can be expected in your absence. You will know by now that we lost Miss Catlin last November. I thought we would do the best we could and get along without a typist until your return. I did not want to take the responsibility of trying and failing to land Miss Shipplette and I did not think it would pay us to break in a temporary girl, so I did not bring up the question of help at all. But apparently it would have been of no avail if I had for it seems that out of all appropriations 2½ % must be saved and turned back into the Treasury; and one of the ways they have of saving this amount is by not appointing anyone immediately to vacancies when they occur. To my surprise a couple of days ago Dr. Steiner called me up to his office and said that Dr. Wilmore was now ready to take up the matter of filling our position. I said that unless Miss Shipplette could be appointed I did not care to take the responsibility of appointing anyone permanently in your absence. He told me to take the matter up with Mr. Traylor and see if Miss S. could be appointed. This I did and Mr. Traylor found that she was at present employed at the Veteran's Bureau and could not be transferred until the end of her probational period which will be about the first week in April. Perhaps you will be here by then and will be better able to engineer the matter than I. I communicated with

Miss S. and she said she would be delighted to come. Dr. Wetmore says he is willing to wait until that time as we are anxious to have Miss S. So this is the way the matter stands at present.

We have been much interested in the entallments of your diary which Mrs. Schmitt brings in from time to time. The one she brought last left you on the Juan Fernandez Islands. The trip over to them must have been a rather trying experience, but I consider it paid as you got some terestrial amphipods which will certainly be very interesting. Too bad you did not land any shrimps! but then we must be thankful for what the Lord gives us ha! ha! The Islands must be very interesting and I believe you had time enough to examine them pretty well as I think Mrs. S. told me you were there a month, so I hope you got lots of fine things. When your diary ended you were just about to go out on a fishing trip with the lobster fishermen. I hope it was a success.

Miss Rathbun had a letter from you yesterday — you are such a hopeless sinner that you hardly ever date your letters but she managed to make out the post mark to be Jan. 5. The last date on the diary that I have seen was Dec. 14. The letter was from Valparaiso and you were about to start by steamer for Punta Arenas. I hope this trip was not so dreary as the one to the Islands. I do hope you will be able to get to the Falklands for it would be terrible to be so near and not get there. Take the time to do it and don't hurry back although we are all anxious to see you especially Mrs. S. who says she is not going to let you slip away from her again in a hurry, so you had better make the most of it this trip.

I am very sorry to have to give you more bad news in this letter but yesterday we saw in the paper

th death of Prof. Nutting. Just a small paragraph telling who he was, but gave no particulars in regard to his death.

His paper on the Philippine Hydroids is now in press. I sent over the proof, then it was sent to him, and then Miss Rathbun sent over it and straightened out many things which all of us had overlooked so it should come out in pretty fair shape.

Dr. Benedict went up to Yale and had all of the Verrill specimens shipped back to the U.S.N.M. They are going to try to get Miss Olmsted to check them off by the list that Miss Rathbun and Dr. Benedict made when they were at Yale a few years ago.

I suppose Mrs. Schmitt has told you of the scheme the S.I. has for raising money for the endowment. If not I will say that they are going to have in the main hall of the S.I. down stairs, an exhibit somewhat on the order of those that the Carnegie gets up every year. Each dirision of the Museum is to have an exhibit illustrating some phase of the work. We are going to have an ~~#~~ exhibit of Foraminifera. I shall have some plates from that Foram. paper of Cushman's published by the S.I., a map of the world showing the areas of the ocean bottom covered by Forams. and the areas worked up, a sample of Forams from a dredge haul, a piece of well boring, and ~~the~~ that letter exhibit of ~~#~~ Forams. in the case with the microscope and revolving disc.

A number of millionaires are to be invited and they are to be given a luncheon in the S.I. and then shown the exhibits. This all is supposed to put them in a good enough humor to induce them to part with a few millions. I hope it will, but I have some misgivings. In the first place nearly all the exhibits will be drawn from the Museum which is not run by S.I. money, but is a government Bureau run on gov. money. I do not

see how they are going to get around that. Millionaires are not anxious to donate money for running Gov. burrans. I will be very glad when it is all over, and so will everyone else.

I am enclosing a little note from Delejpone which I hope will reach you before you leave Punta Arenas.

I hope you are enjoying the best of health as you seem to be doing from all accounts, but do take good care of your self and do not take any unnecessary risks, for the specimens are not worth that.

It appears that Miss Boone has about finished up here report on the Arcturus Crustacea, but she has been trying to get the U.S.N.M. to loan her a spec. of Pagurus purpuratus from the Galapagos described some years ago by Benedict. We possess only the type specimen so they had a good excuse for not lending it. Bebe knows now pretty well what she is and apparently is very anxious to be rid of her. He is now in Haiti and tried hard to have her finish up the work before he left, but we do not know just how the matter stands. I would like him to get well stung by her.

I am afraid you have not had a letter from me for a long time as I have been sending them all to Punta Arenas thinking you would have been there before this. We have been thinking that if they were sent to Chile they would have arrived too late for you. However you will get quite a deluge at Punta Arenas which I hope will make you feel better.

With best wishes and the best of luck to you —

Clarence.

~~Jan. 8, 1927.~~

~~From U.S.N.B.H.~~

Jan. 10 1927

Dear Waldo –

To begin with I am going to tell you of a very bad habit you have of not dating your letters and cards. We yesterday recived your cards from Juan Fernandez, but not a sign of a date on any of them. We tried to puzzle out the date of the post mark and believe it to be Dec. 9. Mrs. Schmitt came in today and gave us some news of you, some of which, from our point of view was bad – that is that you will not be back until April. Well, old man, make the most of it this time because I fixed it up with Mrs. S. today that this will be the last time you are going to get out of our clutches and be foot-loose Ha! Ha!

I am so glad you got over to Juan Fernandez, and I hope you make a good catch - especially amphibjods, it does not matter whether you get anything else or not.

The enclosed letter from Dr. Mealey came today and I am sending it right along and am taking the opportunity of saying a few words to you. I know you are having a great time, but please take good care of yourself and do not work too hard. It has been very cold here for the past week.

Miss Doody arrived in town for a couple of week so I will be pretty busy until the departure.

Yours.

C.R.D.

Washington D.C.
Jan. 6 1927.

Dear Waldo -

Mrs. Schmitt has just called me up today that she had received a telegram from you saying that all mail should in the future be addressed to Punta Arenas - so here goes!

We have been wondering where you were as we do not see your diary until about a month after you write it. Was surprised to learn that you were still at Valparaiso. Have been wondering if after all you went to Juan Fernandez. Mr. Bryant told me why you had abandoned the trip and I must say I can not blame you. I hope everything has been going all right with you and that you are not having any serious troubles. The case which you sent up by Carl Schmitt came a few days ago. The contents was in good shape and the little Inca pot in perfect condition. In fact everything so far received, with the possible exception of the large land crabs, has been in fine shape. Amphipods do not seem to be as numerous on the west as on the east coast judging by your catch.

We have of course been very much interested in your diary and I am glad you had a good interview with Porter. Shall be glad to hear all about him when you return.

Capt. Bartlett was in yesterday. He hopes to go north again this summer and will be in the Northern part of Hudson Bay. This time he wants to take a complete collecting outfit so that he can get us a fine lot of material. We received from him in November a fine lot of material

that he got on his last trip to Northern Greenland. She was looking fine and was just the same as ever. Mr. Crebbe was here when he arrived and I was surprised to find that they were such intimate friends.

Dr. & Mrs. Fish are here on U.S.B.F. business and last evening Miss Rathbun had them and me to dinner. Needless to say we had a delightful evening and a fine dinner. Dr. F. said that Beebe knows now what Miss B. is and is on his guard. She is supposed now to have finished his crustacea as Beebe has gone to Haiti, but as usual no one really knows anything about her as yesterday she wrote to the Museum for the loan of a specimen of Pagurus purpuratus from the Galapagos. Fortunately we did not have any specimens so we avoided any trouble very easily this time. I would not be surprised to see her pop into the office at any time.

Miss Deichmann is with us for a while. Came for the holidays with a week's extra leave. The college gives her credit for all the work she is doing and has done on holothurians. She is just the same as ever — the coming summer she wants if possible to go to Beaufort. Fortunately Hildebrand is here now and he will soon come in and talk it over with her.

Everything here is moving along pretty much as usual except we are swamped with work, but it does not worry me as I do what I can and what I can't will have to go for some future time. I have not asked for anyone in Miss Catlin's place as I thought it would be more trouble than it would be worth to break in a temporary girl. Between Miss Bennett and

Maloney we get what typewriting we need done.

The Smithsonian is going to have in February an exhibit somewhat after the idea of that of the Carnegie Institution. Each division is to have an exhibit setting forth some phase of th work. I am going to use the Foraminifera as illustrating the economic and practical value of purely scientific work. A lot of prospective victims are to be invited and put into a good humor by a good luncheon and then squeezed to make them disgorge money for the endowment. I hope it works, but I very much doubt it. It seems very strange to me that no one ever seems to want to give money to the S. I. What is wrong? There must be a good reason.

Washington has just about finished the lower floor of the stack and I hope soon to get him started on the upper floor. As I believe I told you Mr. Ravenel let ~~us~~ us have 3 men for a week. With Maloney's help they got through the Sponges and a part of the Hydroids. It did not seem much but they worked well which only goes to show how badly the collection needed attention.

Well I think I have told you all the news I can think of so will close this off—

I hope you are having a great time and getting lots of fine things. Hope you will get a lot of Amphipods at Punta Arenas as almost nothing has been done there.

Take good care of yourself and don't work too hard.

Clarence

(over)

P.S.

Dr. Fish said last evening to Miss Rathbun that he thought it was terrible for her to be giving so much time to fossil crustacea when it was so much needed on her bulletins. I told him we felt just the same way about it. I am glad he told her.

L.R.S.

Washington D.C.
Dec 30th/1926.

Dear Waldo -

How time does fly - here it is December and in two months you will be with us again. Your cases have been coming in, and in fact I believe the last one that you mentioned in your letters has arrived and every thing has been in fine condition except perhaps the large red crabs in one of the tins - some of them had gone to pieces, but they did not seem to have decayed. ~~That~~ Take things as a whole and I think they came remarkably well, especially considering the poor facilities you had for preserving properly. We have of course been much interested in your diary, and I had to read it very carefully as I had again this year to write the article for the S.I. Explorations. You see it had to be in by the 10th of December so I could not wait for yours which has not yet arrived. It is too bad that you had to take time to

write it for nothing, for I know how precious time is with you. I did as you wished, mentioned the latter part of your last years trip. We have not finished sorting your material by a great deal as of course we are short handed and there is so much routine office work that takes so much of Maloney's and my time. Perhaps Bryant has written you that we have at ~~last~~ last been relieved of Miss Catlin. It was some experience, believe me, too long to go into here, but you may get some idea when I say that when her time was up she persisted in coming back and going to work. I think I handled the situation as diplomatically as anyone could, and in a way I believe it was best that you were away at the time. I of course was not responsible for her dismissal so she could not jump on me and you were too far away to jump on. It has been the greatest relief to be rid of her. The office seems like another place, such a different atmosphere. The powers that be would not prolong Miss. S's

time so she had to leave just a day or so before Miss Catlin came back. I have seen her once (Miss Shifflett I mean) since she left and she said she had a very nice place with the insurace company which is run by the Masons. She said she would be very glad to come back here if she could get the place permanently. We have no one now and I thought I would try to get along until you came back. It seems a waste of time to break in a new temporary girl. With Bennetts' help I think we can make out very well until then. Maloney too can write what reports, etc. we need.

Mr. Ravenel let us have three men for a week in the stack — could not let us have one man for a longer time as he did before. Maloney worked with them and they got through with the sponges and part of the hydroids. Mr. Ravenel was in a short time ago and I showed him what they had done and he was surprised it was so little. He did not realize before what a big job it was — I think he will have more respect for

it in the future. He said he would let us have the men again as soon as he could. Washington has just about finished shifting the specimens on the lower floor of the stack, and I hope he will soon be able to start on the upper floor.

I suppose Mrs. Schmitt told you of the death of Miss Rathbun's sister. She was sick only a few days which was very fortunate. Miss Rathbun was away from the office only a few days and seems very well and chipper. If the truth be known I think it really is a great responsibility off her shoulders. You see she had been in a sanatarium for some time which must have been a great strain on Miss Rathbun. I went to the funeral and I do not think there were more than a dozen persons there.

We had word yesterday of the death of Prof. Verrill who had gone to California to live with his son. The subject of the museum specimens which he had in his possession immediately came up and Miss R. told Dr. Stejneger that she would go to New Haven and see to them if he wished her to. There

has been no decision on the subject yet. Miss R. said to me that she was the best fitted to go as she and Dr. Benedict had gone up and gone over and listed everything sometime ago and she remembered pretty well how things stood. But it does seem a pity for her to have to waste her time and strength for such a purpose. And after all I wonder how valuable the specimens are ~~to~~. Where in the devil will ~~we~~ put them if we get them. Space is certainly rapidly becoming one of our greatest problems.

No doubt Miss R. has told you that Miss Dichmann is again in this country and is attending ~~in~~ some scientific school at Harvard. She has probably come to stay this time. She is coming to the museum during the Christmas holidays to do some work.

I hope everything is going well with you and that you are enjoying every minute of your time. You must go to Santa Anna this time as you may never have the chance again, but if you do not bring me a good lot of amphipods

from then I will certainly send you back. It has occurred to me in looking over your material that amphipods and isopods are not as abundant on the west coast as on the east – or is there some other reason why your catch has been much smaller this time.

To say that I miss you does not begin to express the state of my feelings. The office does not seem like the same place without you. Although the time passes so rapidly it seems years since you left. You see it has been six months already since I saw you. I went away in July and you were gone when I got back. There is just one consolation and that is this thing won't happen again in a hurry. I had a fine time at the Tortugas and got a pretty good collection of Amphipods and isopods. I believe that now, taking all the different collections I have a pretty thorough and complete representation of the amphipod fauna. Now the difficulty is to find any time to even sort it. I got some pretty good pictures too. Two of my pictures of

Fort Jefferson are to be published in the "Geographic" in connection with Dr. Longley's article on the Tortugas fishes. Barlsch as you know was there the last two weeks and he put his best foot foremost and did his best to be nice to everybody - you would have hardly known him. But I can tell you the boat hands were sore as H--- with him at times. He took a lot of undersea motion pictures and when he came home and developed them they were no good. They were mostly over-exposed and the camera leaked light badly. I hope you are getting some fine pictures and especially we want to see what it looks like around the Straits of Magellan. I have been wondering what luck you had with the films you had developed in Peru.

We have not had much cold weather and to-day it is beautiful and sunny and mild.

Washington is as well as he usually is in winter - you know what that means.

When he says "I aint feelin much, but I am thankful to be here", I dont expect much out of him and I am not disappointed. Everybody here is well and everything is moving along as well as can be expected without the "boss."

You will be surprised to learn that Dr. Fish is no longer with the U.S.B.F. - he is now director of the Buffalo Museum of Science, which I believe is a rather new institution with considerable money. Miss. Rathbun had a letter from him - he will not give up his scientific work as that was one of the stipulations upon his accepting the position. He also said that Beebe was not to Miss Boone at least to a degree. She has about finished her work with him, but nothing yet has been published, why we do not know. Perhaps he is suspicious as to its value. I wish he would get well stung by her. Perhaps "Probeebeidae" was quite enough glory for him.

Your "dear friend" Mowbray sometime ago sent in a supposedly new lobster which he wishes you to describe and name after him. Couldnt you name it boonei? She seemed much interested in lobsters at one time. Well, now do take the best of care of yourself, but have all the fun you can and dont work too hard - sincerely yours Clarence.

Washington, D.C.
Nov. 2 1925

Dear Waldo—

Just a little note to let you know that we are thinking about you and that everything here is O.K. I do hope things are going easier with you than they did farther north. We have read with great interest th diary that you have been sending to Mrs. S. It is too bad there have been so many delays and disappointments, but I suppose one must expect such things in out-of-the-way places. We are apt to feel until we have th experience that every place is like th U.S. I wish I could be with you to help you.

The first two cases which you sent arrived OK and everything in good condition. The things have been sorted and labeled and will all be kept together awaiting th next shipment

which has not yet arrived. I think it is a very nice lot of material especially the Amphipods which will probably keep me busy for the rest of my life. Bassler has looked at the Bryozoans and seemed very much interested and wants all the debris saved so that he can look over it carefully.

My paper on the Bateidae was handed in soon after you left and Benjamin says it will not be printed until January as there is so much ahead of it. I am still working on the Tortugas Amphipods but they are progressing rather slowly as much of my time is taken up with the routine due to my inexperience.

Dr. Fisher is here and will be for some time but I have not seen him. He was in to see me but I was off for the half day so missed him. He may want working room with us again in which case we will be glad to accom-

modate him. Dr. Fish and his wife has also been here and spent nearly a whole day with us. He is just as enthusiastic as ever and just as full of energy. Says they got lots of fine things on the "Arcturus" Exped. Esp. the Crustacea of which will be sent to us. I can see there is no danger of our running out of work!

As you will see I opened the enclosed letter from Capt. Bartlett. I wrote him saying that you would not return from S.A. until January, but that we would be very glad to have the fish stomachs and anyother material that he might have collected. It is too bad that he did not have a collecting outfit.

We are all well and all send best wishes. Take good care of yourself.

Yours.

Clarence.

Washington, D.C.
Sept. 23 1925—

Dear Waldo—

Your letter was received not long ago, and needless to say we had waited for it very anxiously. Mrs. Schmitt had already brought to the Office the first instalment of your journal and the beautiful pictures of Rio. When I say the first instalment I mean the first she received which was that portion from page 53—90. I believe she has since received the first portion but I have not seen it. I am glad everything seems to be going well with you even if you can not progress as rapidly as you had hoped. It is one thing to make plans and another to be able to carry them out. Your Tortugas material has all been sorted and accessioned so that we will look with great interest for the arrival of your two cases and will go right to work on them. I am delighted

of course to hear that you are making good Dunshipod Lauds and am sorry that other groups are not meeting with equal success but perhaps it will be better when you get farther South. You can only do the best you can and no one could do more. It is too bad that it costs so much for the use of a motor boat as I had thought that that would be one of your best methods of collecting. Experience is a wonderful assit so that next year you will know better what to do and what to expect. I am not surprised that you find it dificult to use the camera, for I was afraid it would be the case. But I would not worry about it as it is a secondary matter after all though it is nice to have good pictures.

It must seem strange to be cut off so completely from the rest of the world. It really shows a very backward state of things, but after all it is probably due to the climate.

Everything is moving along very nicely here and nothing of any great importance has come up. Miss Rathbun is back as well as Mr. Clark and Bartsch. Miss R. seems very well and rested – she told me this morning that she had written to you last night so you will probably get her letter with this. Bartsch honored me with a visit, but when I saw him coming in the door my first thought was – now what does he want – but strange to say he did not seem to want anything. Told me about his Tortugas trip and how much movie films he had taken. I cannot remember whether you knew that Mrs. B. had left him and gone to Europe – she has however come back to him. The trouble apparently was over Henry. Clark says that the reconciliation was made through the efforts of a Catholic priest. Great doings to be made public I say! Bartsch knew that I was thinking of going to Tortugas next year – I suppose

Longley told him as I have not mentioned it to anyone.

It is too bad that you will not be able to cover all the ground you had planned but it can not be helped and you can only do the best you can. It will be a satisfaction to feel that you have combed as well as possible the ground you have covered. It will be too bad if you are not able to meet up with Stanley Kemp, but as you say he might also be delayed!

I have given Miss Catlin the job of copying the cards ~~you~~ spoke of in your letter.

The office seems very strange without you and I can tell you I am looking forward to your return. I wish I could be with you - it would be great fun and it would make the work easier for you.

I have written to you before but I sent the letter to Punta Arenas as I was going by your schedule and was afraid you would not get it unless I sent

it somewhat ahead of you.

A few days ago I heard of the death of Dr. Randson the internal parasite man but I do not know what the trouble was. It is too bad for he was quite young - in the forty's.

Washington is working three days a week in B's stack now. If you can remember how many days he owes Bartsch I wish you would let me know.

Maloney is OK and working hard as usual.

It has been pretty hot all the first part of Sept. but now it has turned pretty cool. 56° this morning. We go to the island every Sunday as usual and have a great time. It is a great place and I do not see how we ever did without it.

Well I do not think of anything else of interest so will close with best wishes and the hope that you are taking the best of care of yourself - Yours —

Clarence —.

Washington, D.C.
Sept. 3 1925

Dear Waldo —

We hoped to have word from you by now, but so far have not, though the three packages which you addressed to yourself on the "high seas" have arrived. I suppose you are well into your work by now and no doubt getting wonderful things, and I wish I were along to help you. I hope everything is going well and that you have not had any great difficulties, but experience is the best teacher and you will be all the better prepared for next year's trip.

Now to begin with — we miss you like the devil — This does not seem like the same place. I just do not allow myself to think of the time between now and January. Everything is moving along very smoothly as nothing of any great importance has come up. The most excitement that has happened was the discovery that

the mem. of packing for your cases called for 7 cases and you had turned over only 5 to Mr. Perry. Upon looking at the different items on the mem. I discovered that the two collecting chests of small aluminum topped bottles were missing. I did not remember your saying anything to me about them, but you may have and in the general excitement it may have slipped my memory. However there was nothing to do but to get two ready. All of the corrugated partitions had been used for Kellers so we got more of the board from Knowles and had it cut at the carpenter shop. Then Washington informed me that there were no more rubber discs for the tops. I put in an emergency requisition for them and heard nothing from it for three days — then the "Red Tape" began, and I was in a hurry so as to have the cases ready in time for shipment. It finally leaked out through Mr. Denmark that Mr. Ravenel seemed to feel that the

Museum ought not have to furnish them but that they should come out of your fund. and besides Mr. Denmark said he had no die for cutting them. I did not see any hope of getting them so I told him to let the matter drop and I would have them made outside, but I could not get them made outside in less than two weeks. Mr. Knowles as usual came to the rescue and said "Why don't you go to Summerilles and have him make you a die and buy the rubber your self and have Washington cut them out"? This is what I did. The die cost $1. and the rubber $ 5.44 and the labor of Washington and myself nothing. After the job was completed and the cases in Perry's office Mr. Ravenel sent the requisition back to me with a note saying "Ask Mr. Knowles to get bids for material and submit requisition covering same". How is this for a sample of Government efficiency?

I got Keller's outfit off O.K. and he left in high good spirits as usual.

He seems to be a very fine man and very likable.

Miss Rathbun is still away but expect her back around the 15-th or 20-th of this month. I hope she has had a good rest though I do not see how she could have had with her sister to care for. I feel very badly when I think of her unfortunate situation. I do not see why her nephew and his wife could not relieve her to a great extent, but you know what we think in regard to the situation.

Maloney and I have sorted out your Tortugas material and put in an accession for it. The Isopods and Amphipods are very well represented.

Bartsch is probably back but I have not seen him.

Over a week ago Stejneger called me up to his office and asked me where those drawings of yours were that you wanted Mrs Decker to do. He seemed very much surprised when I told him that I knew

nothing about them, but I told him that I knew that you had asked for her services, and when you found you could not get them you had not left any instructions with me in regard to the drawings. The day before Barlock was to return she had nothing to do so I managed to have her ink in a few of my drawings, but I can tell you her work does not compare very well with Miss Weiser's. I am very sorry as she asked me to give her any outside work I had.

Miss Catlin is off on one of her professional visits to Salisbury. She confided to me the other day that you had said to her that you hoped her health would be better when you got back.

The month of August was very delightful and cool here. I take a day off now and then and spend it at our island. I hope to take the day after labor day and the preceding Saturday morning. We want to take a truck load of lumber

and other things to the island and get a things done, but we never get half as much done as we expect.

I have just called up Mrs. Schmitt to see if she had received any news of you and she said that yesterday she received your short note, but that the voluminous journal you mentioned had not arrived.

She is terribly disappointed at not receiving the journal as you may imagine, but still it is fine to know that you are there and are all right.

Maloney and Washington send their best wishes.

Hoping soon to hear some real news from you and trusting that all is going as well as you expected—

I am

Yours sincerely

Clarence

March 11, 1924.

Mr. W. de C. Ravenel,
Administrative Assistant,
Smithsonian Institution.

Dear Mr. Ravenel:-

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In conclusion I consequently recommend that Dr. Schmitt be notified that there appears to be no reason for revoking the approval of the subcommittee's decision.

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Very respectfully,

/s/ L. Stejneger

Head Curator,
Dept. of Biology.

Copy

March 10, 1924.

Mr. W. de C. Ravenel,
Administrative Assistant
to the Secretary.

My dear Mr. Ravenel:-

Inasmuch as the subcommittee which considered my application for the Walter Rathbone Bacon Scholarship has made unfavorable recommendation, I appeal to you for a favorable decision.

Learning from Mr. Dorsey that mine, so far as he was aware, was the only application submitted in response to the published announcement, I had hoped to be called by the committee to furnish any additional information they might desire. This consideration was not vouchsafed me.

The subcommittee seems to be of the mind that the income should be used now! This is discriminatory, to say the least. No action has been taken with regard to the fund since it became available, more than four years ago. Now, after my application has been filed in the regular way prescribed in the published announcement in "Science", the committee suddenly feels that within the less than sixteen months' interval before my application is dated to take effect, something more should be done.

I am "acutally ready" to undertake the scholarship on July 1, 1925, as stated in my application. The intervening period is no more than necessary for adequate preparation for the South American research contemplated, and to satisfactorily arrange my official and personal affairs. It is not an expedition to be undertaken on a week's notice, nor did the announcement of the Scholarship in "Science" indicate that it was necessary to have one's suitcase ready, packed at the time of filing applications. The alternative date of July 1, 1926, was but added in case a prior grant, which did not materialize, should conflict with my earlier and preferred date of July 1, 1925.

After all, the dates set were but tentative as appears in my application, though the earlier one given is preferred; nevertheless, if the time element may result in the declination of the application, it could be arranged to advance the date.

I beg to remind youtthat this scholarship was first amounced in "Local Notes" May 29, 1919, published in the Washington newspapers, if not elsewhere, and carried in the Annual Report for 1919.

On June 1, 1922, in my "research memorandum" submitted to the Secretary, at his request, I included this project of a South American carcinological study and mentioned the Burdy Bacon bequest as the source from which it was hoped to obtain funds.

On February 28, 1923, I submitted a formal application for consideration under the terms of the Virginia Purdy Bacon bequest. Receiving no word regarding this application, some months later, on inquiry, you referred me to Dr. Stejneger, chairman of a committee directed to draw up regulations regarding the award of the scholarship. Dr. Stejneger told me (your note of March 5, 1924, is the first written word I have had in connection with either of my two applications) that my application would not be considered until the Scholarship was suitably advertised! This was done in the July 20, 1923, number of "Science".

In view of the regulations therein set forth, I submitted a revised application, October 1, 1923, the last day specified for the submission of applications. Then five months later, inquiring as to the fate of this application, I am acquainted with the amazing recommendations of a subcommittee.

With respect to my original application I was told by Dr. Stejneger that it was not to be considered until the Walter Rathbone Bacon Scholarship should first be suitably advertised. Is it now intended that before my second application will be considered, the scholarship must "AGAIN be advertised and given WIDER publicity" in the face of a refusal on the same grounds of my first application, and the announcement of the terms of the bequest in "Local Notes", the daily press, the Annual Report, and the approximately 10,000 monthly paid circulation of "Science"?

Lut us suppose, for instance, that my application is again the only one submitted, where would the advertising and publicity cease? You will recall that those were the very arguments advanced for refusing consideration of my first application.

After reading Dr. Stejneger's forceful exposition in the Annual Report of the Museum for 1919, pages 73-74, of the necessity of field study for members of the Museum staff and the value of such studies to the Institution, followed by his statement that the Walter Rathbone Bacon Scholarship "is to be hailed as a first step in the right direction," I am constrained to ask if members of the Museum staff are to be excluded from the benefits of this scholarship?

It is by reason of the facts here presented that I appeal to you and to the Secretary, through you, for a favorable decision on my application for the Walter Rathbone Bacon Scholarship.

Respectfully,

/s/ Waldo L. Schmitt.

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Thru: Dr. Stejneger,
Head Curator of Biology.

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Head Curator,
Dept. of Biology.

Copy

March 20, 1924.

Dr. W. L. Schmitt,
Curator of Marine Invertebrates,
U. S. National Museum.

Dear Doctor Schmitt:

Referring to your application of October 1, 1923, for the Walter Rathbone Bacon Scholarship, and your letter of March 10, 1924, I beg to say that $50,000 was provided for this scholarship in the will of Mrs. Bacon as a memorial to her husband. During the years 1919 and 1920 securities valued at $45,000 were received from her executors. The income resulting from the securities for 1920, 1921, and 1922 was added to the $45,000, already received, making a total of $48,000 so that late in 1923 the sum of $2400 became available for the carrying out of the conditions of said scholarship.

Upon receipt of your application in October, 1923, it was forwarded to Dr. Stejneger, who held it up until November 28, in the hope that other applications might come in. On that date he appointed a subcommittee for the purpose of examining your application, and on December 10, the committed submitted its report, copy of which is enclosed.

In making its report the committee calls attention, first, that the project is satisfactory as to merit, scope and general plan; second, it conforms with the rules approved by the Secretary; third, that as the work is not expected to begin until July, 1925, or July, 1926, they find it impossible to recommend action at the present time; fourth, that the application be returned to you with the request that you re-submit it when you are in position to take up the work without undue delay; fifth, that the scholarship again be advertised and be given wider publicity.

There was nothing in the subcommittee's report or in Dr. Stejneger's letter, dated February 23, transmitting same, suggesting that they were prejudiced against you, or any member of the staff being granted this scholarship. I am, therefore, forwarding all papers in the matter to the Secretary with the recommendation that announcement of this scholarship be made in Science every other week for two months, as a paid advertisement; furthermore that the Editor of the Smithsonian institution be asked to make suggestions as to further publicity.

Upon receipt of your letter of March 10, I referred same to Dr. Stejneger for suggestions and recommendations as he desired to make. A copy of his reply is sent to you herewith at his request.

Very truly yours,

/s/ W. de C. Ravenel
Administrative Assistant
to the Secretary.

Enclosures.

Copy

March 20, 1924.

To the Secretary:

I am transmitting to you the correspondence relative to the application made by Dr. Schmitt for the Walter Rathbone Bacon Scholarship with copy of my reply, the report of the sub-committee and letters from Dr. Stejneger on the subject. I do not believe that the subcommittee was prejudiced against him or that their action was unfair, and would recommend that the scholarship be again advertised in the manner suggested by Dr. Stejneger.

Very truly yours,

/s/ W. de C. Ravenel
Administrative Assistant
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Draft - for full press list.

For release March , 1924.

Smithsonian Institution.

ESTENSION OF TIME IN APPLYING
FOR NEW TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP.

The Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution at Washington has just announced that the time limit for receiving applications for the Walter Rathbone Bacon Travelling Scholarship has been extended to June 1, 1924. This scholarship, founded through a bequest from Mrs. Virginia Purdy Bacon of New York, is for the "study of the fauna of countries other than the United States", the amount available being about $2,400 per year.

Applications for this scholarship, addressed to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, should contain a detailed plan for the proposed study including a statement as to the faunal problems involved; the reasons why it should be undertaken; the benefits that are expected to accrue; the length of time considered necessary for the carrying out of the project; the estimated cost; and the scientific and physical qualifications of the applicant to undertake the project.

The scholarship will be awarded for a term of two years. If at the expiration of the term it is desired to extend the time, the incumbent shall make application a sufficient time in advance, accompanied by a statement as to the necessity for such extension.

All collections, photographs, records, and equipment become the property of the Institution.

The Incumbent shall not engage in work for remuneration or receive salary from other sources than the Institution or its branches during the period of the occupancy of this scholarship.

For any other information regarding this scholarship, address the Secretary, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

March 1. 1923.
~~February~~

Memorandum for the Secretary:

In transmitting herewith Dr. W. Schmitt's application of February 28 for a grant or travelling scholarship under the terms of the will of Mrs. Virginia Purdy Bacon, I beg to observe that the plan as outlined seems feasible. It is also realized that it is highly desirable that Miss Rathbun should be supplied with the necessary material for her forthcoming systematic papers on crustacea. It is finally admitted that the collections of the Museum would be greatly enriched with specimens of marine invertebrates of all classes from a region now poorly represented in our Museum.

Not knowing what decisions have been reached with regard to the distribution of this scholarship, nor whether it is applicable to general collecting for systematic purposes chiefly rather than to a study of a definite fauna or faunal problem, I am unable to make a definite recommendation. It would appear to me desirable that applications for such a scholarship should be publicly invited, so that the Head Curator of Biology, in case his opinion is desired, should have a chance to express a preference in case of several applications from faunal zoologists being submitted. No doubt a number of projects for faunal studies would be submitted, and the merits of each should be carefully studied before a grant is made.

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U. S. National Museum.

Dear Mr. Ravenel:-

In reply to your inquiry about the present status of the Application for the Walter Rathbon Bacon Scholarship, I beg to say that only one application has been received to date, viz., from Dr. W. L. Schmitt. Before placing it before the full committee, I asked a subcommittee, consisting of Mr. Miller, Dr. Richmond and Dr. Bartsch, to examine the application and make a recommendation. The application with their report and recommendation is herewith returned.

It will be noted that Dr. Schmitt does not want to undertake the work proposed until July 1, 1925 or July 1, 1926. The subcommittee therefore finds it impracticable to recommend action on his application at the present time, and suggests that it be returned to him with the request that he resubmit it when he is in a position to take up the work without undue delay. In this I agree completely with the subcommittee.

The subcommittee recommends further that the scholarship be again advertised and given wider publicity I have delayed taking action upon this in the hope of being able to induce suitable persons to apply. I have also considered the advisability for the Department of formulating a plan for the working out of a specific faunal problem and offer the execution of it to some suitable student, but hitherto without result. It is probably true that the announcement made in "Science" did not attract sufficient attention, and that a more effective way to bring the scholarship to the notice of the public is desirable. Such advertizing would probably have to be paid for, and if a part of the accrued income from the fund can be used for the purpose, I would recommend that the announcement be published as an advertisement in "Science" every other week for two months; and that the time for submitting plans be extended to June 1, 1924.

Respectfully,

Head Curator,
Dept. of Biology.

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December 10, 1923.

To Dr. Stejneger,
Head Curator, Dept. of Biology.

The subcommittee having considered the application of Waldo L. Schmitt for a grant from the Walter Rathbone Bacon fund reports as follows:

(1) The project is satisfactory as to merit, scope and teneral plan.

(2) It conforms with the rules approved by the Secretary.

(3) The meaning of the published announcement appears to the subcommittee obviously to be that work on any project should begin without undue delay after approval. The circumstance that the work is not expected to begin until July 1, 1925, or July 1, 1926, therefore makes it impossible for the subcommittee to recommend action at the present time.

(4) Hence the recommendation of the subcommittee is that the application be returned to Dr. Schmitt with the request that he resubmit it when he is in position to take up the work without undue delay.

(5) The subcommittee further recommends that the Bacon scholarship be again advertised and be given wider publicity.

(Signed) Gerrit S. Miller,Jr.

(Signed) Charles W. Richmond

(Signed) Paul Bartsch.

Subcommittee to consider application for the W. R. Bacon Traveling Scholarship.

November 28, 1923.

Mr. Miller:-

I would ask you to act as chairman of a subcommittee consisting of yourself, Drs. Richmond and Bartsch, for the purpose of making an examination of the only application for the W. R. Bacon traveling scholarship received to date, and to make a recommendation concerning it to the general committee which consists of all the curators in charge of zoological divisions. I have delayed consideration of this matter in the hope that more applications might be received after the expiration of the term set, but none have appeared and it is desirable to take definite action.

Application herewith appended.

Please notify the other members of the subcommittee.

Respectfully,

Head Curatorof Biology.

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October 1, 1923.

The Secretary,
The Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Walcott:

In view of the fact that rules governing awards of the Walter Rathbone Bacon Scholarship were drawn up subsequently to my original application of February 28, 1923, looking toward assistance from that fund, I beg to submit this revised application in its place for consideration with such others as may be submitted in response to the announcement carried in Science, July 20, 1923:

APPLICATION OF WALDO L. SCHMITT FOR THE WALTER RATHBONE BACON SCHOLARSHIP.

(1). Problem.- A monographic account of the Macrurous Crustacea of South America.

(2). Object.- To make a thorough ecologic, distributional, andsystematic study of the carcinological fauna of South America, with especial attention to the macrurous, or shrimp-like forms, for the purpose of producing a systematic, monographic account of them, embodying notes made in the field on their ecology, in the broadest sense, and their local, as well as geographical distribution.

(3). Reasons for undertaking this research.- Our present knowledge, as well as the material extant in our collections of South American forms, is extremely meager.

Next to its representation of, and reports upon the North American fauna, the National Museum should stand first in the world in its South American representation.

The closer the relations become between the United States and South American countries, and the more the latter become developed, the more need there will be to thoroughly understand the South American fauna in its entirety.

Rather than to await the march of events, the lead should be taken while we are still able to command it rather than to permit some other institution to have the first opportunity to till the virgin field of the South American invertebrate fauna.

Almost, and I think I am safe in saying, without exception, the many scientific expeditions to South America, especially those of recent years, have had other objectives than a study of the invertebrate fauna, insects excepted. There have been quests without number, for plants, and birds, mammals and insects, but the other invertebrates, crustacea and their associated fauna, have been virtually neglected, a rather one sided condition of affairs from a zoological point of view, which a solution of the above problem and its related phases would remedy in a large measure.

(4). Benefits.- These are in part brought out under Reasons above.

The National Museum's South American collections would become more balanced through the accession of the invertebrates associated with, and collected in the course of the carcinological studies I desire to make.

The interests of the National Museum, next to those in North America should, and undoubtedly will be centered in South America as time goes on.

In particular there would be returned to the Museum, just that material which Dr. Mary J. Rathbun needs and desires to properly round out and complete her series of comprehensive monographs on American crabs. She has just completed the second of a projected series of five bulletins on these forms, and is in some directions rather seriously handicapped for want of sufficient South American material. This would be an opportune time to secure this material for her, being right in line with the studies I am desirous of undertaking, and their value would be more than doubled if undertaken while Miss Rathbun's monographs are still in the making.

(5) Plan.- To spend two periods of about six months each, making the necessary field studies and collections, one in each of the two years allowed under a grant of the scholarship, with an intervening, and a final period each also of about six months to be spent in laboratory study in order to permit the best and proper working up of the notes and material upon which the results of proposed research will be based.

A detailed itinerary of the field work obviously can not be presented; in general it is planned to cover the entire coast of South America in both field trips, or half the distance in each, as the exigencies of the first field period would determine. As many stops would be made of sufficient duration to permit thorough acquaintance with the crustaceans and associated fauna at any one place of sojourn. These stops would be largely governed by transportation from place to place, the feasibility of working any given locality, and the faunal and geographic area represented by it. In view of funds available under the terms of the scholarship, field work might be limited to five months or extended to as much as seven, but this cannot be arbitrarily determined beforehand.

However, an average of about six months spent in the field would seem to be the most practicable arrangement; at least a cofresponding amount of time would be required to work up the notes and results so obtained The dependence of ecological and distributional studies upon a correct systematic background is too obvious to mention. The laboratory studies vitally necessary to the success of the above outlined faunal problem would have to be conducted in a properly equipped laboratory, where both the necessary literature, and extensive study collections areavailable. This would, without question, mean conducting these laboratory studies at the United States National Museum.

(6). Cost.- The funds available in a large measure have necessitated the above plan, which however, from the other considerations mentioned above is probably the one most conducive to the working out of the problem to be solved.

These funds, "about $2,500," in any one year would only permit five to seven months field work, including travelling, living and incidental expenses, equipment, etc. This estimate is based in part on one given me by Dr. J. N. Rose, who has undertaken several expeditions to South America under the auspices of the Carnegie Institution, and upon the advice of such experienced South American travellers as Dr. Alex. Wetmore of the Biological Survey, Mr. Lyster H. Dewey of the Bureau of Plant Industry, and my brother H. R. Schmitt, for three years South American observer for the Carnegie Institution Department of Terrestrial Magnetism.

It is assumed that I would be granted official leave, (with pay) from my official duties here at the Museum. In view of the complete utilization of the funds of the scholarship for the field studies, I would need at least two thirds of my salary at the time, for the support of my family during the tenure of the scholarshipm, and myself during the laboratory periods between field trips.

If granted the scholarship, I expect to, and would agree to devote up to one third of my salary to the hiring of temporary assistance here in the Division of Marine Invertebrates to lighten the task of caring for the work of that Division which Miss Rathbun and Mr. Shoemaker are willing to assume in furtherance of my application.

(7). Qualifications. -

(a) Degrees: B.S. George Washington University, 1913; M.A., University of California, 1916; Ph. D., George Washington University, 1922.

(b) Positions: Aid in Economic Botahy, U.S.Department of Agriculture 1907-10; Aid, Division of Marine Invertebrates, U.S. National Museum, 1910; Scientific Assistant, Steamer "Albatross", U. S. Bureau of Fisheries, 1910-13, Naturalist of same 1914; Assistant Curator, Division of Marine Invertebrates, U. S. National Museum, 1915-1920, Curator since 1920.

(c). Field experience. In the early part of 1911, I participated in the Albatross Lower (and Gulf of) California Cruise, conducted by the American Museum of Natural History under the direction of Dr.C.H.Townsend; in the summer and fall of the same year I was engaged in salmon investigations for the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries in the Chignik Lake region of the Alaska Peninsula; from 1912- 1913, I took an active part in the Biological Survey of San Francisco Bay under the leadership of Dr. F. B. Sumner, now of the Scripps Institution; and in 1914, personally directed the Halibut Survey, undertaken by the Bureau of Fisheries off the coasts of Washington and Oregon as Naturalist of the Steamer Albatross, to which vessel I was attached as assistant naturalist during the three years preceding. In 1918, under detail to the Bureau of Fisheries, I spent three months in Southern California, in connection with certain studies on the life history of the Spiny Lobster.

d. Publications. Survey of the Fishing Grounds on the Coast of Washington and Oregon in 1914, Bureau of Fisheries Doc. No. 817, 30 pages, 1 plate, 2 charts, Washington, D. C., 1915. Schizopod Crustaceans of the Canadian Arctic Expedition, 1913-18, 8 pages, 3 text figures, Ottawa, 1919.- The Marine Decapod Crustacea of California, 470 pages, 50 plates, 165 text figures, Univ. California Pub. Zool., vol. 23, Berkeley, 1921.- Report on the Crustacea Macrura (Families Peneidae, Campylonotidae and Pandalidae) obtained by the F.I.S., "Endeavour" in Australian Seas; for the Australian Museum, now in press.

e. Physical.- Health very good, eyes astigmatic, fully corrected by glasses, and somewhat hard of hearing, but neither to the extent of hindering my field work, set forth above, or the laboratory work upon which my publications have been based. Will gladly furnish any desired medical certification.

(8). Time. If possible, should like to be permitted to become the Walter Rathbone Bacon Scholar for the two year period beginning July 1, 1925, or July 1, 1926.

Respectfully,

/s/ Waldo L. Schmitt

Curator of Marine Invertebrates.

AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE.

Punta Arenas, Chile. April 5, 1927.

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt,

c/o Falkland Islands Company,

Port Stanley.

Sir:

With reference to my telegram sent to you through the kindness of Mr. F. D. Paton, agent for the Falkland Islands Company on April 22, 1927, and to your telegraphic reply, I beg to inform you that on March 25, 1927, I transmitted the following telegram to the Department of State: "March 25, Six P.M. - Inform Smithsonian Institution Doctor Schmitt is at Port Stanley telegraphs forced to steamship end of April requests me to forward mail and possible draft inform wife period collect eleven dollars." -signed Stevenson. On March 29th I received the following telegraphic reply from the Department, "March 28, Four P.M. - Pay five hundred dollars Doctor Waldo L Schmitt from Smithsonian Institution period.

I therefore have today drawn a draft on the Secretary of State to the amount of $500 and deposited the equivalent in £ Sterling, £102;17: 7, to the account of Mr. F. D. Paton, agent for the Falkland Islands Company here, who has promised

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promised to remit an order for that amount to the office of the Falkland Islands Company at Port Stanley to be paid to you.

With reference to your request that two liters of formaldehyde, two nine by twelve centimeter film-packs, and your mail be forwarded to you by the LOSADA, I regret to inform you that in the two boxes which you left at this office, I can find no bottles of formalde-hyde. I have however purchased the two film packs costing $24.00 Chilean pesos (twelve pesos each), and have delivered them to Mr. Paton to be forwarded to you.

Under seperate cover I am mailing by registered mail to go by the LOSADA the following letters which have been received at this Consulate for you:

Letter from the American Consulate at Montevideo.
" " Hotel Kosmos.
2 letters from Washington (Yellow envelopes)from W.Schmitt.
3 letters from M. J. Rathbun, Washington.
letter from Washington (1858 Col. Rd. Apts. 41)
Letter from Juan Sremoleras, Montevideo.
Letterfrom Thelma Schmitt, Washington.

Registered letters:
No.170115 from C. R. Shoemaker, Washington, dated Jan.6
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No.172012 " " " " " " Jan 27

In addition I enclose herewith a telegram which was received here for you on April 1, 1927, which I took the liberty of opening to see whether it should be important enough to telegraph to you.

About the middle of this month I am turning over

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the charge of this Consulate to Mr. John T. Garvin, American Vice Consul who has come here from Valparaiso to relieve me in order that I may avail myself of leave of absence to visit the United States. Mr. Garvin has therefore paid to me twenty-four pesos, the cost of the two film packs forwarded to you, and you may reimburse him that amount when you return to Punta Arenas. I am also turning over to him the key which I had made to fit the locks on your cases when they arrived here last year.

Hoping you are having a successful and enjoyable trip, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Ronald D Stevenson.

Ronald D. Stevenson,
American Vice Consul in charge.

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Enclosure: Telegram received April 1, 1927.

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AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE

Punta Arenas, Chile, November 30, 1925.

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt,

c/o American Consul,

Montevideo, Uruguay.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent, undated, letter, with reference to your proposed trip to Punta Arenas and to the seven cases of material which you had shipped care of this Consulate.

Sometime ago this office received an instruction from the Department of State to the effect that the seven cases of material had been sent care of the American Consul at Punta Arenas, Chile, but no bill of lading or Consular invoices for the goods were ever received. They arrived here on the steamship RIO BUENO in early October, and in the early part of November I received a notice that they had to be dis-p ached from the customs house. Thinking that you would arrive shortly, I had them dispatched on a guarantee that the shipping documents would be deli-vered within three months. I therefore have to re-quest that you forward them as soon as possible, if they are in your possession, or notify whoever has

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them to do so immediately.

The cases are temporarily stored at the Consulate, and as one of them containing preserving fluid was leaking badly, I had a key made to fit the lock, and stopped up the leakage. In order to do this it was necessary to empty the liquid into empty galoline tins and have the tank resoldered in various places.

I will now proceed to answer your questions in their order:

1.- I am to-day forwarding under separate cover nine letters including one registered letter, which were received addressed to you care of this Consulate.

2.- Expenses incurred so far have been for despatching the goods from the customs, cartage to the Consulate, and for having a key made to open the cases, and the resoldering of the tank. None of the bills have been presented as yet, but as soon as they are I will inform you immediately. As stated, the cases are now temporarily at the Consulate, and I will leave them here until I hear definitely from you whether you will come this year or not, and whether you will want the three cases sent to Puerto Madryn. I have already arranged to have them stored in the warehouse of the "Sociedad Anónima Ganadera y Comercial Menendez Behety" in the event that you should not be able to reach here this year.

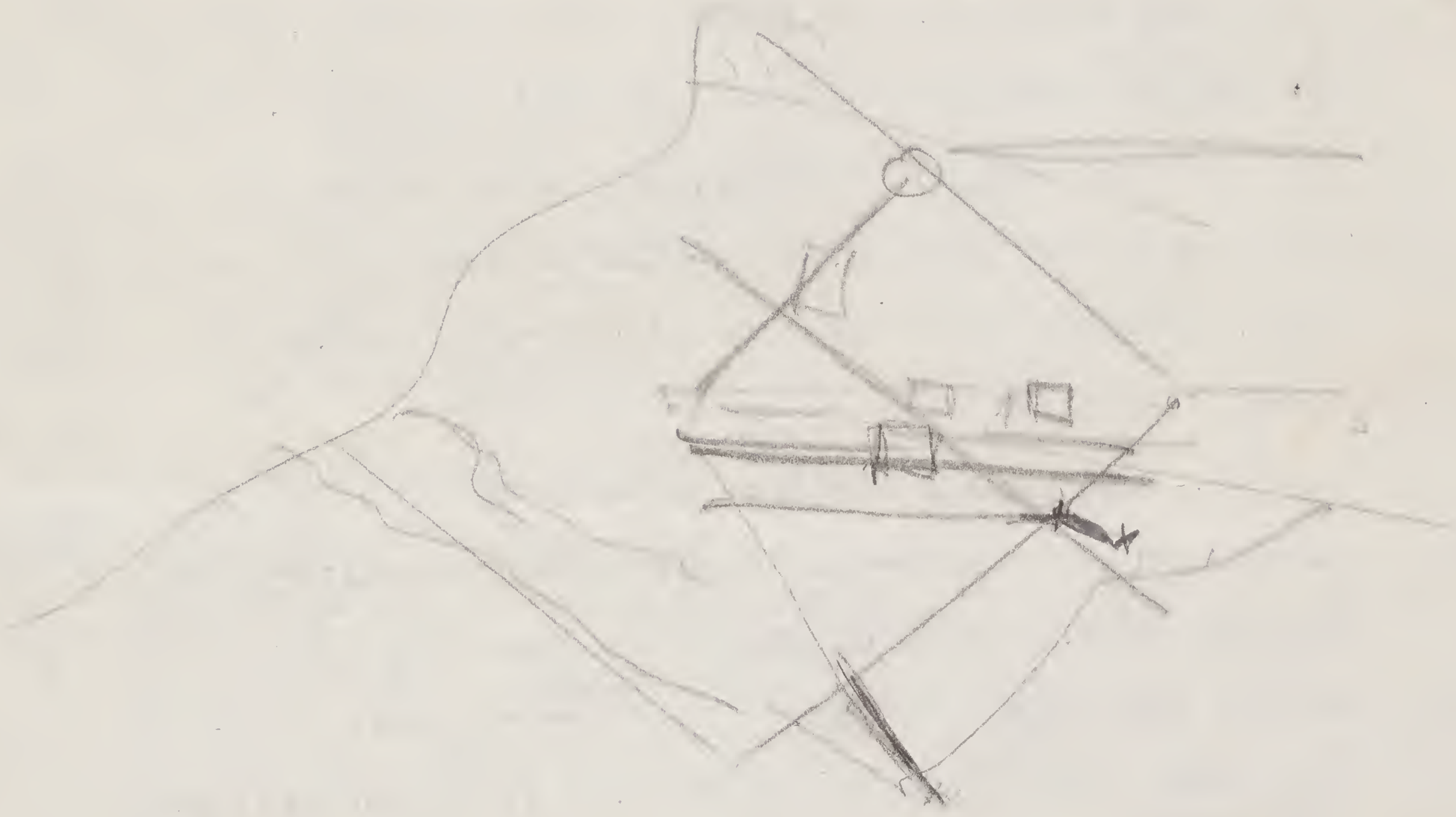
year. The charge for storage there will be very little, probably not more than fifty pesos for the year for all of them, including the extra crate or case you ask about in question No. 7.

3.- As the key I had made fits all the locks, I believe I can distinguish which chests you refer to by the contents. Having no bill of lading, or invoice to describe the cases or their contents, and as the cases are not numbered or marked in any way other than the address, had I not been able to open them, it would probably have been impossible to have identified them.

4.- The costal steamers running between Buenos Aires and Punta Arenas take from ten to twelve days for the trip. Sailing are about one every week during the summer months. The trip to Puerto Madryn takes about five or six days. I am uncertain as to the cost of shipping the three cases mentioned as far as Puerto Madryn, and as to whether they could be sent collect, but in any event, if it were necessary I could pay here and send you the bill.

5.- The service between Punta Arenas and the Falklands is very irregular and not very good. The "Sociedad Anonima Ganadera y Comercial Menendez Behety"

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during the summer months run several small steamships between these two points with accomodations for a few first class passengers. The sailings are about every fifteen to twenty days, during January to May inclusive. Occasionally other steamers also stop at the Falkland Islands either going to or coming from Punta Arenas.

6.- With good connections a letter would reach Montevideo in from 13 to 15 days.

7.- See no. 2.

Assuring you that I stand ready to be of any further service possible, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

Ronald D. Stevenson

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American Vice Consul in Charge.

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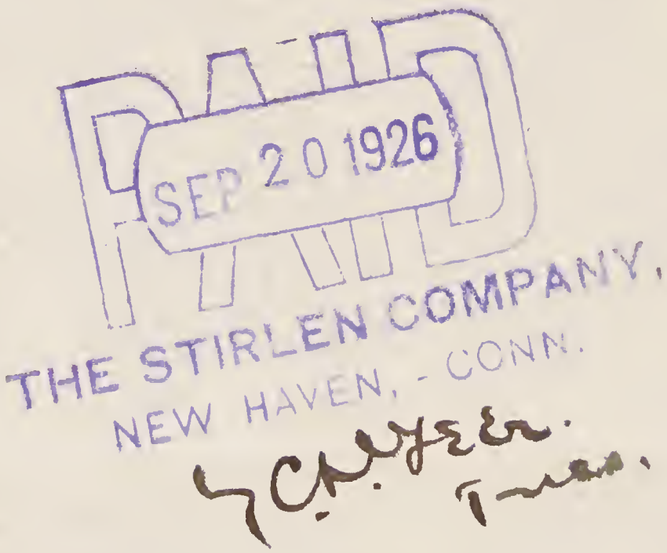
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August 17, 1926.

Mr. Waldo L. Schmitt,
Curator of Marine Invertebrates,
Smithsonian Institution,
U. S. National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We have your letter of August 12th and are entering your order for immediate shipment of five prisms to you, % Grace Line Steamer, Santa Elisa, Pier 33, Atlantic Terminal, Brooklyn, New York. Invoice for same will be sent to the Explorers' Club, 47 West 76th Street, New York City, % H. R. Schmitt.

Very truly yours,

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May 9, 1934

Mr. Edward Svrsek
Sweetwater, British Columbia
Canada

Dear Mr. Svrsek:

The National Geographic Society has referred your letter inquiring about Juan Fernandez to me for reply.

Juan Fernandez is a most delightful spot in which to live, but certainly not one in which to seek a living. There is scarcely enough work in connection with the lobster fishery to keep the present population going, and I am sure that the local inhabitants would not welcome any other people seeking employment. Though I have not been there for some years, I am sure the depression has made itself very much felt in that place, for certainly Chile, as a whole, is in a very bad way financially. Your opportunities for obtaining work are better here in North America at the present time than they would be anywhere in South America.

Funds sufficient to get you to Juan Fernandez would not be enough. You would need money to carry you for several years after you arrived in Juan Fernandez or in Chile, at least under present day conditions.

A passport is required of all people going to any of the South American countries, and there are very strict prohibitions against the importation of fire arms or ammunition. In countries where they have revolutions it is even extremely difficult for a scientific collector to carry fire arms of any sort.

Any atlas or geography should show the location of Juan Fernandez, which is approximately 700 miles due west of Valparaiso. The Canadian Hydrographic office could supply charts more accurate and better than anything you will find in the usual atlas or geography, as could also the U. S. Hydrographic Office, c/o Navy Department, Washington, D. C. The charts of either country are carried in all sea ports.

I have just recently returned from Ecuador and if conditions there are any criterion, most aliens who have gone there seeking work are in rather desperate circumstances. No end of men, both German and American, importuned me for an opportunity to return to the States with me, or even to Panama, thinking that they could sooner better their conditions there than where they were. If you plan to go to Juan Fernandez, I should certainly await more prosperous times.

Very truly yours,

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

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Sweetwater B. C.
April 23d 1934

National Geographic society.
Washington D. C.

Gentleman:-

Though I am not a member of this society, I am asking you for a favour. In the September number of your magazines, from the year 1928 I found a whole lot about Juan Fernandez or Robinson Crusoe's Island. But I would like to know some more, and that's why I am writing to you.

This is what I would like to know:-

1.) Could I and my friend make a home there, had we funds sufficcient to get there?

2.) Would it be neccesary to have a passport?

3.) Could we take firearms and ammunition?

4. Could I obtain a map showing the position of the Island?

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I am a reader of your magazines, but the lack of money does not permit me to subscribe.

We are 20 and 32 years old, both Czechoslovakian nationality and we both speak English.

I, (age 20) attended school here for nearly a year and got as far as grade 8. I can write and read English fairly good.

In case the conditions were favorable, we would try our luck in Southern Hemisphere.

I suppose you could not send us the informations free, please state the fee and we would try hard to obtain them, if the prize is not too high.

Hoping you answer soon

I remain

Edward Sursek
Sweetwater B.C
Canada.

P. S.
We are not naturalized in Canada yet.

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AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE

Buenos Aires, Argentina, November 29, 1926.

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt,
Care American Consul,
Valparaiso, Chile.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of the 18th instant regarding steamship sailings from this port to the Falkland Islands from December 15th to January 30, 1926.

I have been informed that formerly there was a regular service between Punta Arenas and the Islands but that this service has been discontinued. With reference to passage on an Argentine Government light-house tender or other Government boat, as far as I have been able to ascertain, there will be no sailings within the period mentioned above.

According to the best information available there are only two available boats within the period mentioned, namely:

1. SS. "ORDUÑA", belonging to the Royal Mail Steamship Line, sails from Montevideo, Uruguay, January 30, 1927, does not call at Buenos Aires, fare about pounds 20, a 7 or 8 day trip, a passenger liner.

2. ss. "LAGARTO", freighter belonging to Royal Mail Steamship Line, due in Montevideo about December 9, 1926, from Montevideo proceeds to Bahia Blanca, Argentina, has accomodations for limited number of passengers, can be taken in Montevideo about December 10th, or in Bahia Blanca about December

15th,

15th, the Royal Mail Offices in Buenos Aires state that they will not know whether accomodations are available on this boat until about December 5th, fare is about pounds 14, they further state that this vessel should arrive in Port Stanley by January 1, 1927 at the latest.

If you are interested in this latter boat, the "LAGARTO", it would be advisable for you to communicate with the Royal Mail Offices in Valparaiso.

Assuring you of the desire of this office to be of service to you at all times, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

For the Consul General:

Dana C. Sycks
American Consul.

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PHILADELPHIA PENNSYLVANIA

~~I desire to acknowledge with sincere thanks the receipt of~~

1.25.28

~~separate copies of your valued papers:~~

Your #63 from Valparaiss Chile Jan 6, 1927 is a Porphyra (sect. Wildemannia). P. Kunthii was described from Valp. originally, but I doubt if yours is that species. I will try to get a better idea of the species soon.

Taylor.

WM. RANDOLPH TAYLOR
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY





THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr Waldo Schmitt
Division Marine Invertebrates
U. S. National Museum
Washington D.C.

R. THOMSEN
PASO DE LA ARENA
DPTO. MONTEVIDEO

18. Mayo 27.

Liebes Herr Schmidt!

Wenn Sie Zeit u Lust haben, kommen Sie doch morgen nachmittag mit Dr. Fremoleras auf 2-3 Stunden zu mir. Die Verbindung ist sehr bequem. Alle Stunde 6^m. 7^m fährt ein tramway hinter palacio del gobierno ab, direkt zum Paso de la Arena. Von dort zu Fuss zu mir. Sie gehen wenn Sie aussteigen links hinauf u. den ersten Macadam rechts zu mir, 2te Tor links nach dem Weg zum Cerro. Wenn Sie um 1 abfahren können sie um 5 od. 6 wieder in der Stadt sein

Ich würde mich freuen Sie hier zu sehen, denn ich kann nicht fortkommen.

Aber wenn Sie wirklich Zeit haben

Herzlichen Gruss

Ihr

R. Thomsen

Al Instituto Sagrado
Uruguay 753 -
Buenos Aires

R. THOMSEN
PASO DE LA ARENA
DPTO. MONTEVIDEO

4. Mayo 1927.

Dear Mr. Schmitt:

I received just now your letter from B.A. Well, I expect to see you on Tuesday morning. 17. I sent just now a telegram to Mrs Franco, perhaps she can make it possible to send at time the bottles prepared for you, so you can take them with you. I received from Mrs Franco just three days a letter asking for you to thank you for the bottles. She will regret very much that you cannot go to Puerto Palomas.

Bueno, hasta el Martes

Yours truly
R. Thomsen

R. THOMSEN
PASO DE LA ARENA
MONTEVIDEO

Ans. Jn 30/27

20. Agosto 26.

Dear Mr. Schmitt.

Ich danke Ihnen sehr für Ihren freundl. Brief u. die viele Mühe, die Sie sich wegen der Zeitschrift = System on the Farm = gemacht haben. Auch Ihr Heft: The Macruran, Anomuran and Stomatopod Crustaceans: habe ich erhalten u. mich gefreut wieder ein Lebenszeichen von Ihnen zu sehen. Dagegen habe ich die Hefte von Wilson nicht erhalten u. es wäre schade, wenn sie verloren wären. Kann ich auch von Ihnen die Arbeiten von Harring über Rotifera bekommen? Er hat viele neue Arten beschrieben, die ich kennen möchte.

Frl. de Franco hat öfters nach Ihnen gefragt. Sie will leider von Puerto de la Paloma weg, oder vielmehr, sie soll an einer anderen Schule in Rocha die Direktion übernehmen u. bleibt nun bis Ende des Jahres dort. Sie wird sich sehr über die Fläschchen freuen u. Ihnen manche wieder gefüllt zurückschicken. Es ist gut, wenn Sie die Fläschchen an den Konsul schicken u. nicht an das Instituto de Pesca, denn Herr Bazzano ist nicht mehr Director u. das Institut ist schon ganz auseinander, Fremdes will jetzt auch fortgehen u. arbeitet nichts mehr. Nur der amerik. Konsul wird die Fläschchen ohne Zoll zu bezahlen erhalten, auch das Instituto de

Ihnen einen Zoll zahlen. Wenn der amerik. Konsul die Kiste hat, wird es dann ein leichtes sein, sie an Frl. Franco zu schicken.

Es freut mich aufrichtig sehr Sie wieder hier begrüssen zu können, wenn auch nur kurze Zeit. Wenn Sie nur mir zur rechten Zeit Avis schicken, mit welchem Dampfer Sie hier ankommen.

Prof. Mitchell war so freundlich mir die Photographien zu senden, die er von uns gemacht hat. Wenn Sie können, senden Sie mir die von Ihnen gemachten Photographien, ich lege einige an Frl. de Franco gerandt.

Mit herzlichsten Grüssen

Ihr ergebster

H. Thomsen.

Translation.

Montevideo,

August 20, 1926.

Dear Mr. Schmitt:

I thank you very much for your friendly letter and the great trouble you have taken on account of the periodical "System on the Farm". I have also received your pamphlet "The Macruran, Anomuran and Stomatopod Crustaceans", and have rejoiced to again see a sign of life from you. On the other hand, I have not received the pamphlets of Wilson, and it would be a pity if they were lost. Can I also get from the Museum the works of Harring on Rotifera? He has described many new species which I would like to know.

Miss de Franco has often inquired about you. She will unfortunately leave Puerto de la Paloma; or rather she is to take the direction of another school in Rocha, and remains there only until the end of the year. She will be very much pleased with the bottles and will send many of them back to you again filled. It would be well for you to send the bottles to the North American Consul and not to the Fisheries Institute, for Mr. Bazzano is no longer director and the Institute has already gone all to pieces. Tremolerós also will go away now, and does not work any more. Only the American Consul will receive the bottles without having to pay any duty. Even the Institute of Fisheries must pay duty. When the American Consul gets the box, it will be an easy matter to send it to Miss Franco.

It pleases me immensely to be able to greet you here again, if only for a short time. If you would only let me know at the right time by what steamer you will arrive here.

Prof. Metcalf was friendly enough to send me the photograph which he has made of us. When you can, send me the photographs made by you. I have sent some to Miss de Franco.

With hearty greetings, yours sincerely, R. Thomsen.

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September 17, 1927.

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt,
U.S.National Museum,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr Schmitt:

. I will try to write english without looking on the dictionnary and notwithstanding I hope you will be able to understand my slang.

Two days after I had send you the maps and photograph, I have also sent you a letter under separate cover(of course,if two days later). You will find enclosed a coppy of that letter and also a copy of outline of the planed trip to eastern Bolivia.

I was very pleased to know that you arrived safely home, but regret that you could not go to Florida and that a revisiting to South America must be adjourned. I hope that for your next visit to Uruguay I'll be able to offer you and your family two beautiful and comfortable rooms in my new home. It seams that finally, Gott sei Dank, every thing is going all right with me. The german painter in Buenos Aires has made a very fine picture to be presented to the Education Bureau of Uruguay with my proposal. The Deer picture you have seen here I have returned to him because I deed not like it . He will now make it again. But a picture containing two species of our woodpeckers and anatomical details and nest is a very fine work and has been very much appreciated. If my proposal is accepted by the Bureau of Education (and I have hundred reasons to think it will be so), I will make a lot of money, some thousands dollars. Rich people, who at the same time are influent, are helping me in this matter.

Next month I hope to move to my new home. I will send you at that time the new address and also a photograph of the"rancho"and the 600 meters ground I have bought.

Referring to the parrots you should separate them, because if not so they will never make an attempt to speak, but will cry all the time over. One of the birds is a true savage and I think it will never speak. The other one is very tame and you can be sure that it will speak if separated from that savage who cries to much. The tame one, then, will no more cry.

I was very pleased to know that you are just as enthusiastic about the Bolivian trip as ever. My friend Schweizer is anxious to know something about that matter and he hopes that you will be now in position to approach the proper parties in connection with the expedition.

With my best greetings to you and yours, I remain

Sincerely,

Juan Tremoleras .

Montevideo, den 18 Juni 1927.

Lieber Dr. Schmitt!

Ich erwarte und wünsche dass Sie z. Zeit ganz glücklich in den States angekommen sind und Ihre werte Familie in bester Gesundheit angetroffen haben.

Nebenbei finden Sie: 1) Outline und Bedingungen der projektierten Reise; 2) ein Brief von Freund Schweizer, und 3) ein Portät des letzten. – Vor 2 Tagen sandte ich als eingeschriebene Drucksache die 2 Karten mit der Reise-Route und die von mir versprochene Photographie eines hiesigen Land-Ochsenkarren.

Freund Schweizer bittet mir Ihnen mitteilen zu wollen dass im Fall dass die Reise aufgeführt werden sollte er werde sich ganz gern mit dem Sammeln von allerlei Insekten für die Expedition beschäftigen, ausser seine duties als leader derselben. Wenn man ihm 3 Monate im Voraus Nachricht gibt, so will er auch das nötige English lernen um mit den Herren der Expedition umgehen zu können.

Wie sind die Papageien angekommen? Und die beiden Kardinal-Vögel? Der eine von diesen du krank war, kreppierte während der Reise?

Hier gibt es wenige Neuheiten. Mit dem "Instituto de Pesca" geht es jeden Tag schlimmer. Vor 10 oder 12 Tagen stand auf die Zeitungen dass es bis am Ende 1926, $ 42.000 schuldete und dass vom 1. januar bis Ende Mai dieses Jahres $ 20.000 verloren hatte.

Lassen Sie von Ihnen etwas hören. – Mit freundlichem Gruss,

Ihr sehr ergebener

Juan Freundlich.

P. S. – Der Brief an Sta. Franco (Puerto Palma) ging ab an demselben Tage Ihrer Abfahrt.

D. O.

Montevideo, 13 May 1927

My dear Dr. Schmitt:

Your kind letter of yesterday is at hand. I will be very pleased to see you again. I will be at Hotel del Globo Tuesday morning the 17, about 10 in the morn.

The parrots are at home long ago. They are healthy and one of them is tame, the other is noch halb wild. Also I have 2 Cardenals of Uruguay, as you have sent to much money for the parrots. As I told you in my letter you should not have sent any money at all. Also the food for these birds during the trip to the States is ready in two tin-bopes.

With my best regards until next Tuesday Morning

Yours sincerely

Juan Tremolon.

Montevideo, Febr. 12, 1927.

My dear Dr. Schmitt:

Yesterday I had the pleasure to receive your kind letter Jan. 20, including six dollars. Also yours August 12 reached me last September. I did not answer these last because you wrote you were leaving Washington in a few days. - The pictures of the Rhea expedition and those of Puerto La Paloma were immediately sent to Señor Roca (Florida) and Señorita Franco, respectively.

When you arrive here you will find the parrots and also a pair of our "Cardenal", as you have sent too much money for the parrots, which are cheap. In fact you should have sent any money at all. Ich war wütend! as old Luedenwaldt.

I told my friend Schweizer what you say about his trip through North Argentina and Bolivia and he is making an outline of it.

Yes, the Fisheries Bureau has a debt of nearly $ 40.000 which is increasing with a lost of $ 1.000 monthly. The government knows not what he shall do with it.

Since November 2, 1926, I am retired from service, Gott sei Dank! Everything was going all right on this respect. Now I am working fine with translations and other things. I have, among others, a translation (zoological subject) for a well known scientist that is producing me some hundred dollars. Since I retired everything goes all right with me.

We have many, many things to speak of when you arrive here.

With best regards and good wishes

Sincerely yours

Juan Tremoleras.

P. E. O.

P.-S.- Since last year we had here Dr. Schmidt, expetologist, and Dr. Sandborn (birds & mammals) of Field Museum, Chicago. Dr. Schmidt is now in the States and Dr. Sandborn is collecting now ~~not~~ on the West-departments of Uruguay. I think you will met him here. He also has his headquarters at Hotel del Globo.

J. Fr.

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Dear Sir,

Hereby I take the liberty of informing you that I have to sale some very fine and remarkable geological and mineralogical collections from the Argentine Republic and from Uruguay.

These collections have been made by an European Geologist who was engaged in exploration and collecting work in these countries for several years and who is famous of being a specialist in fine and lucid arrangement of collections.

The collections are composed of freshand typical specimens of a regular size, very suitable for museum and scientific institutions, as well as for teaching work in Geology, Mineralogy and Mining. They are used by several professors of geology in their lectures.

Each specimen of these collections is carefully classified, properly prepared and fully labelled. Besides this, each collection bears an exact and complete text containing all desirable information.

In the rapid advancement now being made in the knowledge of ore deposits, those of South-America may offer a special interest representing a somewhat anomalous type which has not yet been studied thoroughly. These collections contain not only the principal ores with associated minerals and wallrocks, but also the igneous rocks in connection with them and a full set of rocks illustrating the general geological conditions of the deposits in question. Besides there are available smelting products and samples showing stages of working those minerals.

The collection of the Sierra de Cordoba is a collection of a very high value, illustrating the phenomena of metamorphism in such a hadsome manner and with such a variety that it obtained the higest award (Grand Prize) in the Universal Exposition of Turin (Italy) in 1911. In the same way the other collections too, offer a very great scientific interest, being the first systematic collections made in countries where geological and mineralogical studies until now have been made only occasionally and by way of rapid explorations.

Enclosed you will find a list with an approximate index and summary description of these collections. The prices are very low considering the great expenses of long lasting travelling in those countries and the difficulties met with in bringing materials from remote localities to the railroad stations or seaports. All these collections were made originally for a great European scientific institution, but due to the impossibility of shipping them to Europe at present, the owner was obliged to offer them for sale anywhere. This is an unique chance of getting a fine collection representing a many years effort.

The price is payable in uruguayan currency, without freight and package; but payment can be made by instalments at your convenience.

Hoping that I will be favoured by an early reply,

I remain,

yours very truly,

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Descriptive price - list of the collections of rocks and minerals from Argentina and Uruguay.

URUGUAY

1) A sistematic collection of rocks and ores of the Republic of Uruguay. This collection contains chiefly samples of crystalline schists, gneiss, granite, syenite, gabbro, diorite, diabase, quartz-porphyry, basalt, andesite, liparite and associated tuffs. Special attention is called to the chalcs occurring in the ancient schists and the ore-deposits, as for instance: gold, copper, lead, iron etc. A very remarkable occurrence is represented by samples of corundum. The phenomena of contact and regional metamorfism are well displayed. The final numbers of this collection consist of the sedimentary rocks lying upon the ancient cristalline platform.

A very remarkable and interesting collection of handsome and typical specimens of a regular size.

195 especimens of size 9 x 12 cm..... for $ oro 170
210 " " " 7 x 9 " ..... " " " 140

This collection has been described geologically by Professor K. Walther of Montevideo and petrographically by Professor E. Weinschenk of Munich in a German geological review. For informations please apply to Professor Weinschenck in Munich.

ARGENTINE

2) Deposits of archean and postarchean rocks (silurean?) in contact with igneous rocks from the Sierra of Cordoba.

Cristalline chalk in contact with aplite, granite, pegmatite, syenite with titanite, gabbro, diorite, lamprophyre, porphyrite, amphibolite, gneiss, crystalline schists, amphibole schists, hornfels, epidotite, granatite, opal, etc. etc.

Crystalline chalk with fine crystalls of garnet, epidote, diopside, mica, wollastonite, chondrodite, graphite. Further Iceland double-refracting spar, calcite, etc.

1) A collection of beautiful and carefully selected specimens for museums.

48	specimens	of	size	14 x 16	up to	40 x 40	cm.	for $ oro	400
28	»	»	»	11 x 16	» »	20 x 40	»	» » »	200
25	»	»	»	10 x 10	» »	25 x 25	»	» » »	105
35	»	»	»	11 x 14	» »	18 x 20	»	» » »	85
2) A collection of	190	specimens	of	size	9 x 12	»	»	» »	190
	125	»	»	»	9 x 12	»	»	» »	125
	168	»	»	»	7 x 9	»	»	» »	100
	85	»	»	»	7 x 9	»	»	» »	50

These rocks illustrate in an excellent manner the regional as well as contact metamorfism, having been described in the Anales del Ministerio de Agricultura de la República Argentina, Sección Geología, Boletín N.° 7, Serie B, Geología: Las cales cristalino-granulosas de las Sierras de Córdoba y sus fenómenos de contacto. Por el Dr. Roberto Beder, 1913. The chief work on these deposits is now prepared by Dr. Beder and will soon be ready for publication. Besides, these deposits have been described in 1905 in the same Anales, Sección Geología, Tomo I, N.° 2,: Constitución geológica, productos minerales de aplicación de la Sierra de Córdoba. Por el Dr. Guillermo Bodenbender.

3) Ore deposits in the Sierras of Cordoba and San Luis.

Ocurring in gneiss, schists and greywackes of uncertain age.
Gold, silver, lead, zink, wolfram, vanadine, antimone, iron mines.
A complet collection with all associated minerals and wallrocks, containing handsome crystalls of descloizite, brackebuschite, vanadinite, stiblite, wolframite, scheelite, cuproscheelite, cuprotungstite, psittacinite, triplite, gold-bearing limonite, pyrite and chalcopyrite, azurite, malachite, chrysocolla, zinnvaldite, Iceland double-refracting spar, etc.

185	samples	from	25	mines	and	of	size	12	x	16	cm.	for	$ oro	344
160	»	»	22	»	»	»	»	9	x	12	»	»	»	258
103	»	»	18	»	»	»	»	9	x	12	»	»	»	144
223	»	»	28	»	»	»	»	7	x	9	»	»	»	240
203	»	»	32	»	»	»	»	7	x	9	»	»	»	220

The ocurrence of these deposits was described in 1905 in the: Anales del Ministerio de Agricultura de la República Argentina, Sección Geología, Tomo I, N.° 2: La Sierra de Córdoba, Constitución geológica, productos minerales de aplicación. Por el Dr. Guillermo Bodenbender.
In the same Anales: Tomo 10, N. 2: Constitución geológica, hidrogeología y minerales de aplicación de la provincia de San Luis. Por el Dr. E. Gerth.
In the same Anales, Boletín N. 12, Serie B, Geología: Los yacimientos de los minerales de wolfram en la República Argentina. Por el Dr. R. Beder, 1916.

4, Ore deposits of the Sierra de Famatina and Sierra de Umango.

Contact metamorphic deposits in rocks of Palaezoic age (Cambrian or Silurian) in connection with intrusions of dacites and andesites.
Copper, silver, gold, lead, zinc, iron mines.
A complet collection of all ocurring minerals, wallrocks, smelting products, slags, etc. containing very remarkable samples of famatinite, luzonite, enargite, umangite, eucairite, pyrargirite, argentite, proustite, embolite, native silver, gold-bearing pyrite in cristalls, gold-bearing chalcopyrite, gold bearing conglomerates, calamine, etc.

208	samples	from	22	mines	and	of	size	10	x	13	up to 12 x 15	cm.	for $ oro	670
140	»	»	18	»	»	»	»	11	x	14	» » 12 x 16	»	» »	555
85	»	»	20	»	»	»	»	10	x	12		»	» »	335
61	»	»	18	»	»	»	»	10	x	12		»	» »	206
89	»	»	15	»	»	»	»	8	x	10		»	» »	170
65	»	»	16	»	»	»	»	7	x	9		»	» »	122
61	»	»	15	»	»	»	»	7	x	9		»	» »	106

These ore deposits are described by Dr. Bodenbender in the: Anales del Ministerio de Agricultura de la República Argentina, Sección Geología, Tomo 7, N. 3: Parte meridional de la provincia de la Rioja y regiones limítrofes, constitución geológica y productos minerales.

5) Ore deposits from the Sierra de Aconquija (Capillitas Mines).

Ore deposits in granite, crossed by dykes of rhyolite and andesite. The cassiterite occurs in connection with greisen.

Copper, gold, silver, lead, tin mines.

A complet collection with all ocurring minerals, wallrocks, smelting products, slags, etc. Fine samples of silver-bearing tetraedrite, bornite, enargite. cassiterite, gold-bearing pyrite and chalcopyrite, silver-bearing galena, rhodochrosite, linarite, cerussite, malachite, azurite, etc.

68	samples	from	12	mines	and	of	size	12 x 15	cm.	for	$	oro	220
54	»	»	10	»	»	»	»	11 x 14	»	»	»	»	118
44	»	»	10	»	»	»	»	10 x 12	»	»	»	»	95
94	»	»	10	»	»	»	»	7 x 9	»	»	»	»	96
78	»	»	10	»	»	»	»	7 x 9	»	»	»	»	78

There is in preparation a large geologic investigation on the Sierra de Aconquija, which will soon be published in the: Anales del Ministerio de Agricultura de la República Argentina by Dr. J. Rassmuss.

Furthermore Stelzner in his standard work "Beitraege zur Geologie und Palaeontologie der Argentinischen Republik", has published a very important report on the Capillitas Mines.

Full information about the mines mentioned in 3, 4 and 5 will be found too in the: Boletín N. 13, Serie B, Geología, del Ministerio de Agricultura de la República Argentina: "Rasgos geológicos generales de las Sierras Pampeanas" by Dr. J. Rassmuss.

6) Ore deposits of the Paramillo de Uspallata. Province of Mendoza.

Sediments of Rhaetic age with sheets of olivine-diabase and correlated tuffs, crossed by dykes of andesites.

Silver, lead, zinc and iron mines.

The collection contains very beautiful samples of argentiferous galena, sphalerite, gold-bearing pyrite and chalcopyrite, siderite, etc., and all the country-rocks, diabase, melaphyre, tuffs, sandstones, bituminous slates with Estheria Forbesii Jones (Rhaetic), etc.

43	samples	from	20	mines	and	of	size	12 x 15 up to	14 x 24	cm.	for	$ oro	120
39	»	»	20	»	»	»	»	12 x 15 » »	14 x 18	»	»	»	98
33	»	»	21	»	»	»	»	10 x 12 » »	11 x 13	»	»	»	70
24	»	»	12	»	»	»	»	7 x 9		»	»	»	30

There are several publications on this subject, for instance: Anales del Ministerio de Agricultura de la República Argentina, Tomo 4, N.° 3: "La Precordillera de San Juan y Mendoza", by, Dr. R. Stappenbeck.

"El Paramillo de Uspallata", por el ingeniero de minas German Avé-Lallemant. Memoria presentada a la Sociedad Científica Argentina, 1890.

7) A very fine and remarkable collection of Argentine minerals, carefully selected specimens of decloizite (crystals and irregular), brackebuschite (crystals), stiblite, coquimbite, copiapite, hohmanite, luzonite, famatinite, umangite, eucairite, vanadinite (crystals and irregular), chalcosine (in porphyry), wollastonite, diopside (crystals), Iceland double-refracting spar, argentiferous tetraedrite, cerussite, linarite, malachite, azurite, chrysocolla, brochantite, cassiterite, rhodochrosite (crystals and irregular in form of veins and sheets), enargite (crystals and irregular), native silver, argentite, pyrargirite, proustite, embolite, argentiferous lead and sphalerite, wolframite, cuprotungstite, cuproscheelite, etc.

95	spec.	of	size	7 x 9	cm.	for	$	oro	436	51	spec.	of	size	5 x 6	cm.	for	$	oro	130
87	»	»	»	7 x 9	»	»	»	»	328	60	»	»	»	4 x 5	»	»	»	»	100
73	»	»	»	7 x 9	»	»	»	»	280	52	»	»	»	4 x 5	»	»	»	»	82
80	»	»	»	5 x 6	»	»	»	»	294	45	»	»	»	4 x 5	»	»	»	»	64
65	»	»	»	5 x 6	»	»	»	«	200	80	»	»	»	3 x 4	»	»	»	»	62

8) Stone-iron-meteorite, Kamacite, from "El Perdido" F. C. S. near Bahía Blanca, Province of Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic.

A sample of	762	grams	for	$ oro	152	A sample of	48	grams	for	$ oro	10
» » »	558	»	»	»	»	112	» » »	22	»	»	»	»	5
» » »	202	»	»	»	»	40	» » »	15	»	»	»	»	3
» » »	127	»	»	»	»	25	» » »	11	»	»	»	»	2
» » »	75	»	»	»	»	15	» » »	6	»	»	»	»	1
» » »	62	»	»	»	»	12	» » »	3	»	»	»	»	0.50

This meteorite was described in the "Revista del Museo de la Plata". Tomo XVIII (2.ª serie, tomo V) páginas 29—33 by Dr. Herrero Ducloux, Vicedirector of the La Plata Museum. And in "Centralblatt für Mineralogie, etc." 1916, N.º 22, pag. 716.

To change also with samples of other meteorites.

9) A sistematic collection of the Territory of Misiones.

Melaphyre, melaphyre-amygdaloid, diabase, basalt and correlated tuffs sandstones and contact-metamorphic sandstones. Manganese-limonite ore from Tacurú, etc.

33	specimens	of	size	9	x	12	cm.	for $ oro	28
28	»	»	»	9	x	12	»	» » »	22
35	»	»	»	7	x	9	»	» » »	14
31	»	»	»	7	x	9	»	» » »	12

There is in press a very interesting paper on this object by Dr. J. Hausen, which will be published in this year in the: Anales del Ministerio de Agricultura de la República Argentina, Sección Geología.

10) Glacial conglomerate (dwyka) from the Sierra de la Ventana.

A complet collection of well prepared and carefully selected samples

12	specimens	of	size	9	x	12	cm.	for $ oro	10
9	»	»	»	9	x	12	»	» » »	8
11	»	»	»	7	x	9	»	» » »	6
4	»	»	»	7	x	9	»	» » »	2

Dr. Keidel in the Anales del Ministerio de Agricultura de la República Argentina. Sección Geología. Tomo II, N.º 3, has published a famous paper on this object: "La Geología de las Sierras de la Provincia de Buenos Aires y sus relaciones con las Montañas de Sud Africa y los Andes".

11) Fossils from the Pliocene chalks and sands of Paraná (Province of Entre Ríos).

Classified according to the paper of A. Borchert "Die Molluskenfauna und das Alter der Paranástufe".

A very fine and complet collection with: Ostrea Alvarezii d'Orb, Ostrea patagonica d'Orb, Venus paranensis Bor., Arca platensis Phill., Venus Burmeisteri Bor., Tivela argentina Sow, Corbula patagonica d'Orb, Placunanomia papyracea Phil., Pecten paranensis d'Orb, Pecten Darwinianus d'Orb, etc.

This collection will be delivered with some samples of Cambrian or lower Silurian slates with Dictyonema flabelliformis and Staurograptus dichotomus from Las Juntas, Corrales, Sierra de Famatina,

305	specimens	.....	for $ oro	106
240	»	.....	» » »	80
237	»	.....	» » »	78
204	»	.....	» » »	68
180	»	.....	» » »	58

12) Fossil plants from the Rhaetic sediments of Cacheuta (Province of Mendoza).

Classified according to the paper of H. B. Geinitz: "Ueber rhaetische Pflanzen und Tierreste in Argentinien", 1876, and "Palaeontologische Beiträge von Dr. Ottokar Feistmantel", 1876,

34	specimens	.....	for $ oro	50
22	»	.....	» » »	24
16	»	.....	» » »	20

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Am. Jan 30/27.

25. August 1926.

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt

Washington, D.C.

Lieber Dr. Schmitt!

Endlich habe ich ein Lebenszeichen von Ihnen erhalten mit der schönen Sammlung von Bücher und Separata entomologischen Inhalts. Empfangen Sie dafür meinen herzlichsten Dank! Besonders Leng's Catalogue und Col. Casey's Memoirs haben mir eine der grössten Freuden bereitet.

Durch Dr. Metcalf wüsste ich über Ihr glückliches Ankommen in den "States" und dass alles ging "all right" mit Ihnen und Ihrer werten Familie. Auch durch Dr. Metcalf und durch Briefe von Dr. Wetmore habe ich gewusst dass die sechs Vögel gesund angekommen waren und ein Weibchen ein Ei gelegt hatte. Schade dass alles ein wenig teuer kostete, aber für eine eventuelle neue Sendung haben wir schon die nötige "experience".

Ich habe schon vor einem Monat mein "retirement from government service" und die betreffende Pension verlangt. Ich hoffe diese zu erhalten da ich alle meine Bekannte welche "political influence" haben, bei meiner Seite habe. Das dauert aber, hier 2-3 Monate lang.

Im Instituto de Pesca geht alles schief und die Regierung hat die Absicht es zu schliessen. Herr Bazzano ist schon lange nicht mehr da und die Kommission (board of trustees) bekümmert sich nicht mit dem Unternehmen welches kein Geld und Nützen, aber viele Kopfschmerzen an die Regierungsleuten bringt. Wenn Sie hierher kommen, dann werde ich Ihnen alles mündlich erzählen. So wunderbare Sachen glaubte ich nie in meinem Leben zu betrachten!

Kann ich Ihnen hier nützlich für etwas sein, so wissen Sie schon dass ich ganz gern zu Ihrer Verfügung stehe.

Mit nochmaligem herzlichen Danke für die übersandten Bücher und Separata und Ihnen "hasta la vista!" sagend, verbleibe Ihr ergebener

Juan Tremoleras.

Translation. Montevideo, August 25, 1926.

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

At last I have received a sign of life from you with the handsome collection of entomological books and separates. Accept my most sincere thanks for them. Especially Leng's Catalogue and Col. Casey's Memoirs have afforded me one of the greatest pleasures.

Through Dr. Metcalf I knew of your safe arrival in the States and that everything was all right with you and your worthy family. Also through Dr. Metcalf and letters from Dr. Wetmore I have learned that the six birds had arrived in good health and that a female had laid an egg. Pity that everything was a little expensive, but for a possible future sending we already have the necessary experience.

I have already a month ago asked for my retirement from government service and the pension that goes with it. I hope to get it because I have all my friends who have political influence on my side. However it takes from two to three months here.

Everything is going awry in the Institute of Fisheries, and the Government intends to close it. Mr. Bazzano has not been there for some time, and the board of trustees does not trouble itself with the undertaking, which does not bring any money or utility, but many headaches to the government people. When you come hither, I will tell you everything verbally. I never expected to see such strange things in my life.

If I can be useful to you here in any manner, you know already that I am willingly at your disposal.

With renewed thanks for the books and separates sent, and saying "hasta la vista" to you, I remain yours sincerely,

Juan Tremoleras.

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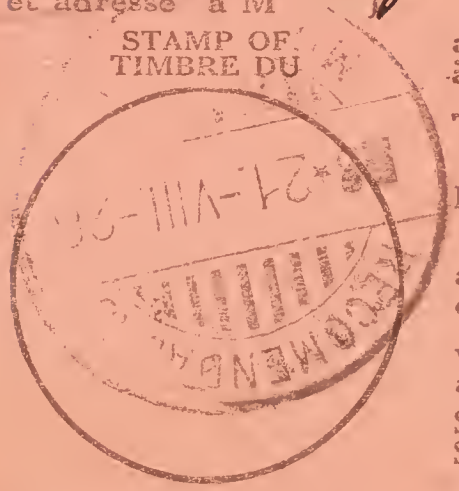
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(URUGUAY)

Den 25. Dezember 1925

Werter Dr Schmitt,

Ihre beiden Briefe habe ich dankend erhalten. Ich habe nicht eher geantwortet weil ich schwer krank war (Leberanfall). Es tat mir Leid zu hören dass Sie auch krank waren und freue mich dass Sie genesen sind.

Ueber die Vögel (Sträusen) muss ich Ihnen, — zu meinem Bedauern, — schlechte Nachrichten geben. Erstens, kein Handwerker wollte sich verpflichten die beiden Käfige (cages) in der passenden Frist (15–18 Tagen) zu verfertigen. Alle sagten sie hätten jetzt, als Ende des Jahres, zu viele Arbeit. Dann wollten sie auch etwas Geld im Voraus haben. Auch der verlangte Preis für jeden Käfig (# 50) schien mir ganz unverschämmt!

Dann habe ich alle Spesen berechnet: Preis der Käfige, Transport von diesen bis an die Central Bahnhof, von hier bis nach Florida, von Florida 4 leguas (leagues) bis nach der Estancia, von dort wieder bis nach Montevideo, Geld an die Jäger der Vögel, ditto an dem Mann die sie suchen und bringen sollte, etc., alles würde circa # 150.00 kosten und ich wüsste nicht ob Sie damit einverstanden wären. Uebrigens hatte ich kein Geld, und der Mann müsste unbedingt wenigstens 8 Tage vor der Abreise des Dampfes in Florida sein, denn man weiss nicht ganz bestimmt in wieviel Zeit die Vögel gefangen werden können. Vielleicht kann man 20 Stück in 3–4 Stunden jagen, vielleicht auch braucht man 5–6 Tagen um 4 oder 6 Stück zu erwischen.

(Bitte wenden!)

Wegen allen diesen Gründen habe ich gedacht es wird viel besser und billiger sein die Sache ruhig mit Ihnen zu handeln. In 16 Tagen reist wieder ein Steamer der Munson Line ab und hoffentlich kann man die Käfige schneller bekommen, da die Handwerker nicht mehr die Entschuldigung "Ende des Jahres" haben werden. Ich glaube das zwischen dem Herr Konsul und der Agentur der Munson Line die Sache sich regeln kann für den nächsten Dampfer, d.h. derjenige welcher Mitte Januar's nach New York abfährt! (*) Die Vögel stehen jeder Zeit zur Verfügung, wie mir Herr Dr. Garcia Acevedo mitteilte. Ein Mann, der die Tiere füttern kann, wird man ganz sicher an Bord finden.

Ich wünsche und hoffe das Sie einen merry Christmas übergangen haben.

Auf Ihren Rückkehr am 28ten oder 29ten weilend, verbleibe

Ihr ergebener

Krauthausen.

Besten Gruß von den boys
im Laboratorium.

(*) Die Vögel würden also 15-16 Tage nach Ihnen in New-York ankommen.

Valparaiso
20th December 1927

Dr Waldo L Schmidtt
Curator of Marine Invertebrates
Smtihsonian Inatitution
Washington D.C.

Dear Dr Schmitt.

Your favour of the 19th October received O.K. and in reply thereto, beg to inform you that mye efforts have not met with much success. All the views obtainable are copyright, and those private ones are difficult to get hold of, however the P.S.N.C. gave me one of their vessel in Cumberland Bay which is quite a good Photo.

I have asked my assistant if he could get me some prints, but his friends have all small ones, which are not suitable for your article.

I naturally regret that my mission has not been successful but as you will understand it is through no fault of mine, am however asking some friends of mine who are going to Juan Fernandez this Christmas to take some good photos, and to let me have a few of their prints, and in case they get some which will be suitable for reproduccion will forward them, so as to make a basis for a further article at some future date.

I sincerely thank you for all your kind wishes, which are reciprocated both by my assistant Orchard, as well as myself. Trusting you are in the best of health, and that some future date will bring us together. Mr Doniez wishes to be kindly remembered to you and also thanks you for the regards sent.

Kind regerds and wishing you all the good you wish yourself in the forthcoming year,

I remain

Yours very truly

Albert E Frim

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 16, 1928.

Mr. F. S. Van Riper,
15 William St.,
Room 1908,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Van:

Here are a couple of reminders of the bunch! I hope you have as much fun on your next trip south. Maybe you are already back in B. A., but wherever you are the very best of good wishes to you and yours!

Here is hoping that all of you are well and better than ever! A Prosperous and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Curator of Marine Invertebrates.

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February 20, 1929

Mr. Michael Vogelius
P. O. Box 116
San Rafael
California

Dear Mr. Vogelius:

Please pardon this rather belated answer to your letter of some weeks ago.

Juan Fernandez is an almost ideal paradise from some points of view. There are no poisonous or noxious animals on the island. The only pest I can recall is one that is very familiar to you if you visit San Francisco in the fall months. Like all garden spots, California included, it is heavily infested with fleas at certain times of the year. Knowing California as well as I do, they are a discomfort to which one can get accustomed. Diseases of all kinds are scarce, the islanders being apparently a very healthy lot. Their greatest trouble is with the "third great plague."

Should you ever care to visit the island, there is a once yearly excursion conducted by the Pacific Steam Navigation Company. You could learn all about terms and sailings at their San Francisco office.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt,
Curator of Marine Invertebrates.

San Rafael, Calif.
Dec. 16, 28.

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt,
Smithsonian Institution
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

Recently I read an article in the San Francisco Chronicle about your stay on Juan Fernandez Island, on the coast of Chile. Will you be so kind as to inform me if there are any snakes, poisonous and nonpoisonous on the Juan Fernandez Island? Are there any alligators or other reptiles on the Island?

and also, did you notice any infection of Filariasis (Elephantiasis) and Hookworm disease amongst the inhabitants of the Island? Will be very thankful to you if you will give me the desired information.

very truly yours.
Michael Vogelius.

address: P. O. Box 116.
San Rafael, Calif.

DR. ENRIQUE G. VOGELSANG

Montevideo, 29. VI. 1927.-

Herrn Dr. W. Schmidt.

Washington.

Sehr geehrter Herr Dr:

Ich hörte von Herrn Thomsen daß Sie bei uns wieder waren ist daß mir leid Sie nicht zu treffen, ich war verreist. Sehr dankbar würde Ich Ihnen sein wenn ich die Arbeiten von Dr. C. A. Chandler erhalten könnte, ich weiß nicht wie seine Adresse ist.- die Publikationen des U. N. Museum würden auch für mich von Nutzen sein. Dr. Ewing wird bald Kaliopaga von mir erhalten. Zu Gegendiensten allzeit bereit zeichnet

Hochachtungsvollst

E Vogelsang

Nov. 8, 1926.
(monday)

Dear Waldo:

Just a friendly word before your "official" letter must be mailed.

All is well with your excellent family. Ruth talked to Alvina, over the 'phone Sunday evening, and everyone was well.

Two weeks ago Sunday, both families drove to Gettysburg, Pa., and return via Baltimore, - the longest trip that our old Ford had taken us on to date. Your Mother and Thelma were in the party. We started from Chevy Chase at about 9 30 arrived at the battlefield at 12 40 and left for home via Baltimore a little after 4 P.M. Because of very bad weather on the return trip, we did not arrive home until 9 15 P.M.

In spite of very low visibility, which entirely spoiled the views of the really fine scenery in evidence at this time of the year, I think

that everyone of us enjoyed the trip, and were glad to have seen the historic place. We missed your companionship greatly however, and we have planned to go again on your return, — and on a day when more than half a mile of country can be seen at one time.

Dr. Hall has returned from Nicaragua, after an interesting stay of two months. He was quite enthusiastic regarding the characteristics of the native Nicaraguans.

One other word before hastily closing: We recently visited an old acquaintance of yours, Mrs. Kley (nee Mildred Johnston), now living at Somerset, Md., only a couple of miles from Pinehurst, and we found the family charming. I look forward to having her family and yours meet in our home.

Well, since this must be dispatched I will close with best wishes, Your friend Pelham W.

*GPW:BRA

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BUREAU OF SOILS

WASHINGTON

November 6, 1926.

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt,
c/o American Consular Agent,
Paita, Peru,
South America.

Dear Waldo:

I was glad to get word from you and have done what I can about the Barbasco nuts. The material arrived in fair condition although the fruit pulp was somewhat fermented in one or two cases. Dr. Skeels of the Office of Foreign Seed and Plant Introduction has undoubtedly identified this fruit as coming from one of the species of Jacquinia. It is probably from J. Barbasco, Mez. He cannot be certain of the species, however, unless you can have sent some of the foliage and flowers. Our old friend, Paul Russell, also aided in getting the material identified. F.S.P.I. is quite interested in the material and Dr. Skeels asked that you send in the herbarium specimens of the foliage and flowers. I should also mention that J. Barbasco Mez. ~~sp.~~ seems to be identical with J. armillaris, Jacq. The plant belongs to the family of Theophrastaceae.

I have run down all of the suggested references to the literature but have not unearthed anything relative to the active chemical agent of the material. The references have been card-indexed for your information on your return.

Dr. O. F. Black, of Dr. Alsberg's old laboratory, Poison Plants Investigations, Bureau of Plant Industry, is going to examine the fruit, at least qualitatively, to determine whether the poison is due to saponins or someother substance. The men familiar with similar plants, including Dr. F. B. Power, think that it is likely that the poison is saponin.

With best wishes for success in your field of work and a safe return, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Walton

G.P. Walton.

P.S. Dr. Skeels selected some of the seeds for a trial of growing some of the plants.

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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 1, 1927.

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt,
U. S. National Museum.

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of a comprehensive collection of marine invertebrates, approximately 2,432 specimens, comprising crustacea, coelenterates, annelid worms, plankton and bottom samples, together with a collection of echinoderms, mollusks, insects, fishes, a mammal skull, birds, bird eggs, fossils, and algae, collected by you in South America.

Assuring you of my congratulations on the success of your trip, and of my thanks, I am,

Very truly yours,

A. Wetmore

A. Wetmore,
Assistant Secretary.

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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 13, 1926.

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt,
Curator of Marine Invertebrates,
U. S. National Museum.

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

I take pleasure in formally acknowledging the receipt as a gift from the Walter Rathbone Baker Scholarship of 579 specimens of crustacea; 20 annelid worms; 1 lot bryozoa; 1 sponge; 2 ascidians; 3 tow-net samples; 2 bottom samples; 11 water samples; a few dry echinoderms; a small collection of mollusks; 4 fish; 1 turtle and 3 frogs; and some geological specimens; - collected in Brazil, Uruguay and the Argentine Republic.

It is understood that this completes the collection of material made by you during 1925, while serving as Bacon scholar for the years 1925 to 1927.

Very truly yours,

R. Wetmore
Assistant Secretary.

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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 16, 1926.

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt,
Curator of Marine Invertebrates,
U.S. National Museum.

Dear Dr. Schmitt:-

After due consideration of your memorandum of April 8, I fear that the proposal to establish a clearing house for information regarding scientific expeditions is not at this time one that we can take up. A few organizations might be interested at the time in the proposal, but it would be forgotten by most in a month or two, or would be neglected.

It is often of interest to know what other parties plan to visit foreign countries in which you may contemplate a journey of your own. It is, however, extremely difficult to meet other traverlers by appointment since itineraries are subject to sudden changes, and it is difficult to plan in advance without occasioning much loss of valuable time.

Very truly yours,

C. Wetmore

Assistant Secretary.

lp

April 8, 1926.

My dear Dr. Wetmore:

I think the Museum or the Smithsonian should set up some sort of a clearing house for information regarding scientific expeditions of all kinds, no matter what their size, purpose or destination might be.

In the course of my South American trip, on a number of occasions I heard that such and such a scientific man had just passed through or was soon to be expected. I wished that I had known of it before hand, more than once, and so that others in the future could make use of such knowledge I broach this matter to you.

An information bureau of this sort to which all prospective investigators and expeditions would send detailed information, as soon as their particular trip was definitely arranged for, and from which in turn they could get similar information regarding other trips to the same region they intended visiting, would certainly be of great help to all concerned.

Many an expedition could thus give another timely pointers on the territory traversed, if only as regards helpers, hotels, and prices. I have a number of travelling salesmen to thank for a great deal of time and money saving advice. And I will never forget the pleasure of my two weeks sojourn at the same hotel with Dr. Metcalf in B. A. after having been in the field more or less along for four months.

It would seem that a note in Science could be made to start the ball rolling, and the Division of Correspondence could keep it going. Does it not seem worth a trial? One usually reads about expeditions in Science and other journals after they have started or returned, but what I have in mind is advance notice that would be mutually helpful to all parties.

Respectfully,

Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

I think it is advantageous to know even if only approximately where and when a scientific expedition might be, or expected to be in a given country. For instance I shall be going to S.A. about Aug. 1st for six months.

What expeditions are now in the field in S.A.

where and at what time will there
be in each such a place. Where Info
of this sort would be further help
full in case of the rest, a
person asked when you go
to Cincinnati him get Astronaut
Carpenter #1, he is likely
to be busy will attend to Glenn first
then Shepard — not about
Glenn

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INTERNATIONAL CATALOGUE OF
SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE

July 28, 1925.

To the Friends and Correspondents
of the Smithsonian Institution.

The bearer of this letter, Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator of Marine Invertebrates in the U. S. National Museum, is visiting your country for the purpose of making a scientific study of the marine fauna of the region. His mission is a purely scientific one, the results of which will eventually be incorporated in a published report, and any courtesies or facilities that you may be able to extend to assist him in the prosecution of his studies will be very greatly appreciated by the Smithsonian Institution.

Very respectfully yours,

C. Wetmore

Acting Secretary.



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28 de julio de 1925.

A los distinguidos Amigos y Corresponsales
de la "Smithsonian Institution."

El portador de esta carta, el Doctor Waldo L. Schmitt, Curado de las colecciones de invertebrados marinos en el Museo Nacional del gobierno de los Estados Unidos, está viajando en ese país con el deseo de emprender estudios científicos de la fauna marina. Su misión es puramente científica, y los resultados se publicarán en las transacciones del Museo Nacional. Por cualquier apoyo que le extendiera para facilitar sus estudios, le quedará profundamente agradecida y obligada esta Institución.

Con toda consideración, me es muy grato subscribirme

de Usted su atto. y S. S.

A. Wetmore
Acting Secretary.



M E M O R A N D U M

July 27, 1925.

TO

Dr. W. L. Schmitt:-

With regard to your memorandum of July 24, it will not be necessary for you to have a special letter from the American Express Company to govern shipments made to the National Museum. Your Smithsonian letter of introduction will be sufficient to identify you as a member of our staff so that express agents should accept shipments from you to go collect without question.

As a matter of fact such shipments usually go collect as it is difficult to figure the advance charges until the parcels have been passed through the Custom House.

Very truly yours,

R. Wetmore
Assistant Secretary.

lp

February 20, 1929

Mr. Edward Williams
46 La Belle Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Williams:

Though I have been some time answering your letter, I have not forgotten your several inquiries. I know you would like to visit Juan Fernandez, but I fear that you would not find it very helpful with your present difficulty. Though not cold, the climate is cool, very much like upper California. Rains are plentiful, and, though there is hail during the winter, there is no freezing weather. The dampness would adversely affect your health, I am sure. It is because of the great moisture of the climate that there is such luxuriant vegetation.

Houses can be had on occasion, but I doubt if for more than rent, as the town is virtually the property of the fishing concession which furnishes the livelihood for the inhabitants. My advice to folks who want to visit Juan Fernandez is to first make a trip there to look over the ground. The Pacific Steam Navigation Company runs a once yearly expursion to the island, usually in December or January. You can learn about it by inquiry at some local travel bureau.

For a person who wants to live in a beautiful place, with practically none of the civilized conveniences as we know them today; who just wants to vegetate for the rest of his life, Juan Fernandez would be the ideal place. Like any other part of the world, I am sure you could find some single girl who would listen to a matrimonial proposal. The Frenchman in my article was shipwrecked on Juan Fernandez, found himself a wife, and has there raised a family.

I hope I have given you such information as you wanted. If not, please write me again.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt,
Curator of Marine Invertebrates.

P.S. I sympathize with your difficulty in hearing. I am quite hard of hearing myself.

W.L.S.

Detroit, Nov 21, 1928

Mr. Waldo I. Schmitt.

Dear Sir.

I read your story about the Juan Fernandez Islands and I am writing you for some information in reference to just what clothes a man would have to take there and what it it would cost to go there. I am a young man of 28 years. have been a musician for 10 years, have had an accident and lost most of my hearing, and I cant stand cold weather and cant work on the inside have some money and the way you told your story the Islands sure appeal to me. I would like to have all the information you can give me, can you buy a small cottage there? and can a man find a wife there, are there any girls a man can mate with. I hope this letter wont take much of your time and I sure would be obliged to you for this information. Thanking you I remain

Yours truly

Edward. Williams
46. Je. Belle ave. Detroit, Mich.

BAILEY WILLIS
STANFORD UNIVERSITY
CALIFORNIA

May 21 - 1926

Dear Mr. Schmidt.

Enclosed are three letters which I hope you may find useful. I wish they were more but my contacts in Chile were rather superficial and elsewhere wanting.

Wishing you all success and a fortunate return,

I am sincerely yours

Bailey Willis

Dr. Waldo L. Schmidt,
Nat. Museum

BAILEY WILLIS
STANFORD UNIVERSITY
CALIFORNIA

Carnegie Institution
Washington D. C.
El 21 de Mayo, 1926.

Bailey Willis saluda con toda consideración i con recuerdos amistosos al eminente Director del Bureau de Minas i Jeólojia de Chile, Señor Dr. Javier Gandarillas, con motivo de presentar al Señor Doctor el Especialista en el estudio de invertebratas marinas, Dr. Waldo L. Schmidt, Ph. D. del Museo Nacional en Washington, quien esta en viaje à Chile para proseguir sus investigaciones científicas; i para rogar al Doctor Gandarillas que tenga el bondad de ayudar al Dr. Schmidt en este asunto.

Dr. Javier Gandarillas, Matta
Bureo de Minas i Jeologia
Santiago, Chile.

November 28, 1927.

Mr. Hubert V. Winters,
P. O. Box 201,
Folcroft, Pa.

My dear Mr. Winters:

A little account of my trip to Juan Fernandez will be published some time during the next year in the National Geographic Magazine. I shall be glad to let you know when it appears.

Juan Fernandez Island is a most wonderful place. The population is all white--French, German, Spanish, Italian, one Canadian and one Mexican. The chief source of income is the lobster fishery, which directly or indirectly engages the activities of most of the pupulation. There is no yellow fever on the entire west coast of South America, and so far as I know has never in history been recorded from Juan Fernandez. Many fruits grow wild, particularly figs, and all kinds apparently can be successfully cultivated. The population is Catholic. There is a little chapel in which services are held during one month out of the entire year.

The Island is owned by the Chilean government, which appoints a retired Naval officer as governor. There is no need for law or government in such a small and orderly population as this. Though there are several policemen their chief work is seeing that the laws protecting undersized lobsters are carried out by the fishermen.

I should imagine that anyone could go there to live permanently with properly executed passports, and such other papers as may be required by the Chilean government. This would have to be taken up with the nearest Chilean Consul. Application at the Post Office would give you this information.

Very truly yours,

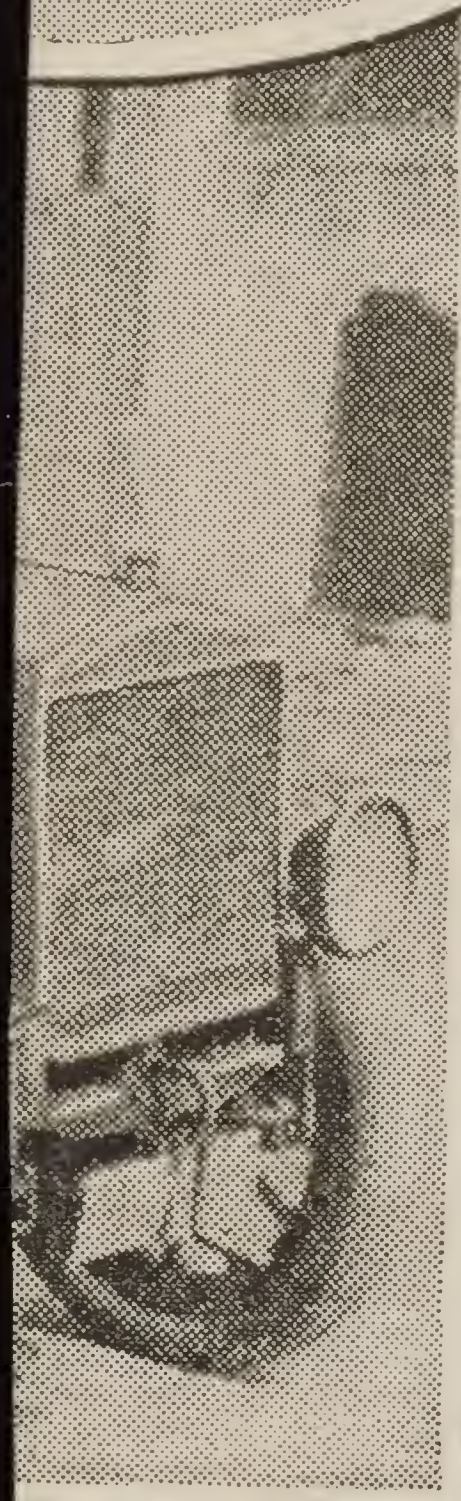
Waldo L. Schmitt
Curator of Marine Invertebrates.

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Crusoe's Isle an Eden

ROBINSON CRUSOE was more to be envied than pitied, according to Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt, of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. In a recent survey of Juan Fernandez Island, on which Alexander Selkirk, the reputed original of Robinson, lived over four years, he found the island one of the most fruitful spots in South America, and said:

"Every imaginable plant seems to grow there. One Frenchman was shipwrecked on the island forty years ago. He likes it so much he refuses to leave."



A 30-Inch Car

A motor car that looks as if it had been turned on its side and then stepped on is used in the Olive View Sanitarium, California, for all sorts of service in which it is necessary to traverse narrow walks and corridors. It was "squeezed" by shortening the drive shaft and cutting off sections of the axles so that the **auto now** is only two and a half feet wide. The chassis itself is also shortened

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November 6 th 1927

Dr. Waldo Schmitt
Smithsonian Institution
Washington D. C.

Will you please tell me all about the Juan Fernandez Island. Some day I may visit this island and if I like it I will stay there like the Frenchman. I am getting tired of civilization. Will you please tell me all about the plants & vegetables that grow there, also about the climate. Are there any snakes or wild animals there? Will you tell me more about

this Frenchman. Are their anything
in the Smithsonian Institution
brought from the Juan Fernandez
Island? Are their any paper or
magazine that published an account
of you survey of the Juan Fernandez
Island? Thanking you for your
information I remain

Robert V. Winters
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December 5th, 1925.

Mr. Waldo S. Schmidt,
c/o Consulado Americano,
Montevideo, R. O. del Uruguay.

My dear Schmidt:

This will acknowledge yours of December 4th which I was very glad to have and of course was glad to know your work has been successful up to this point.

I shall be very glad to see you when you come over, but the special object of this is to advise you that we have moved our offices to the Boston Bank Building, the entrance of which is in Avenida Roque Saenz Peña 567.

I shall, of course, be very glad to see you when you reach Buenos Aires and to do anything I may be able towards helping you in your work.

Yours very truly,

J. Wilson Wisner

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My dear Mr. Schmidt:

As I have not been able to make myself understood by telephone I am sending you this few words just to tell you that for tomorrow Friday I have made arrangements with the Hotel del Castillo (near Palermo) in order to have our breakfast there at 12 o'clock more or less. No mean of getting to any agreement with Vicente (the man in the Calle Jaime who says he undertakings fishermen's ~~undertakings~~) as he says "mariscos" are scarce or impossible to "Larder" but as a casualty. — The Castillo has promised for tomorrow "Camarones" "Locos" "Caracoles de mar" & caldillo de "erizos". — I have already ordered this breakfast but should you dislike the idea of going there tomorrow please let me know with the man (my "mozo") who is delivering to you this letter if you prefer other day & I'll arrange it. — In all case I would like to have you breakfast with me on Saturday that is to say the day after tomorrow as I "despedida". — No special menu, but some typical Chilean meal.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas Hayes

P.S. It is understood that if you don't object I will ask Mr. Hotel Castillo to have a guests to twelve.

DIRECCION
—DE—
LA VOZ DEL COMERCIO GUAYAQUILEÑO

Guayaquil, 8 Setiembre de 1926

Señor Waldo L. Schmitt
Ciudad

Muy Señor mío:

Conocedores de la especial deferencia de Ud. para con todo lo que significa el progreso de la prensa nacional, no henos trepidado en permitirnos pedirle nos conceda el honor de publicar un especial homenaje de simpatía a su distinguida persona como notable hombre de ciencia y Zoólogo especialista, delegado del Museo nacional de Washington en nuestro periódico **"La Voz del Comercio Guayaquileño"**, seguros de que Ud__ se ha de prestar gustoso a cooperar con su concurso al mejor éxito de nuestras labores periodísticas.

Confiados en que hemos de ser favorablemente atendidos por Ud. me es grato suscribirme como su atto. y S. S.

POR LA VOZ DEL COMERCIO GUAYAQUILEÑO
EL DIRECTOR,

MUSEU PAULISTA
DIRECTORIA

S. Paulo, thae 4 th October de 1925

My dear Doctor,

I have received your two letters and the bill of the chest. For me it is a great pleasure. this opportunity of rendering you a little service and to your museum and I thank you very much for your kindness. and will be always very glad to be useful to you. I need to spend some days in S. Sebastião. Really it is a splendid place!

I hope I will see you again and wish to you a very good and profitable voyage.

Kindly yours heartly to you

Affonso de E. Taunay.